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DIFFERENT DERBY, SAME POSITION FOR BAFFERT IN ARKANSAS

Charlatan galloping Thursday at Oaklawn | *Coady*

by Joe Bianca

Before the coronavirus pandemic struck America and shook up horse racing along with it, things seemed to be falling, as they often do, in Bob Baffert's favor. The Hall of Fame trainer, no stranger to coming into Louisville with the horse or horses to beat, had a trio of colts who looked like they could be the first three choices in the GI Kentucky Derby. Even with the Run for the Roses now postponed four months, Baffert still appears to have a stronghold over a marquee 3-year-old race on the first Saturday in May, as he starts two-thirds of his imposing triumvirate, **Charlatan** (Speightstown) and **Nadal** (Blame), as respective favorites in split divisions of Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park.

The likelier winner of the two, drawn into the weaker division with less early speed signed on, is the brilliant but untested Charlatan. Unveiled going six furlongs Feb. 16 at Santa Anita, the $700,000 Keeneland September buy quickly established command and drew off to a 5 3/4-length score. That effort earned **'TDN Rising Star'** honors, and was underscored when the Beyer for the race came back a dazzling 105.

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TWENTY YEARS LATER, FOND MEMORIES REMAIN OF FUSAICHI PEGASUS *by Alan Carasso*

For half a century, Arthur Boyd Hancock III has called Stone Farm home. It is a tract of land where, as the nursery's website succinctly states, the team is 'trying to raise you a good horse.' To say they've achieved that goal over the years would be an understatement of monumental proportions.

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*Peter Redekop's **Anneau d'Or** (Medaglia d'Oro) gallops at Oaklawn on the eve of the GI Arkansas Derby | Coady*

FASIG-TIPTON'S DENNIS LYNCH PASSES 10

Beloved Fasig-Tipton Sales Representative Dennis Lynch passed away Friday following a long battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age.

SWISS SKYDIVER PLAYS SPOILER IN FANTASY 17

Peter Callahan's Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) chased free-wheeling Venetian Harbor (Munnings) around the track and was along late for a 16-1 upset of Friday's GIII Fantasy S.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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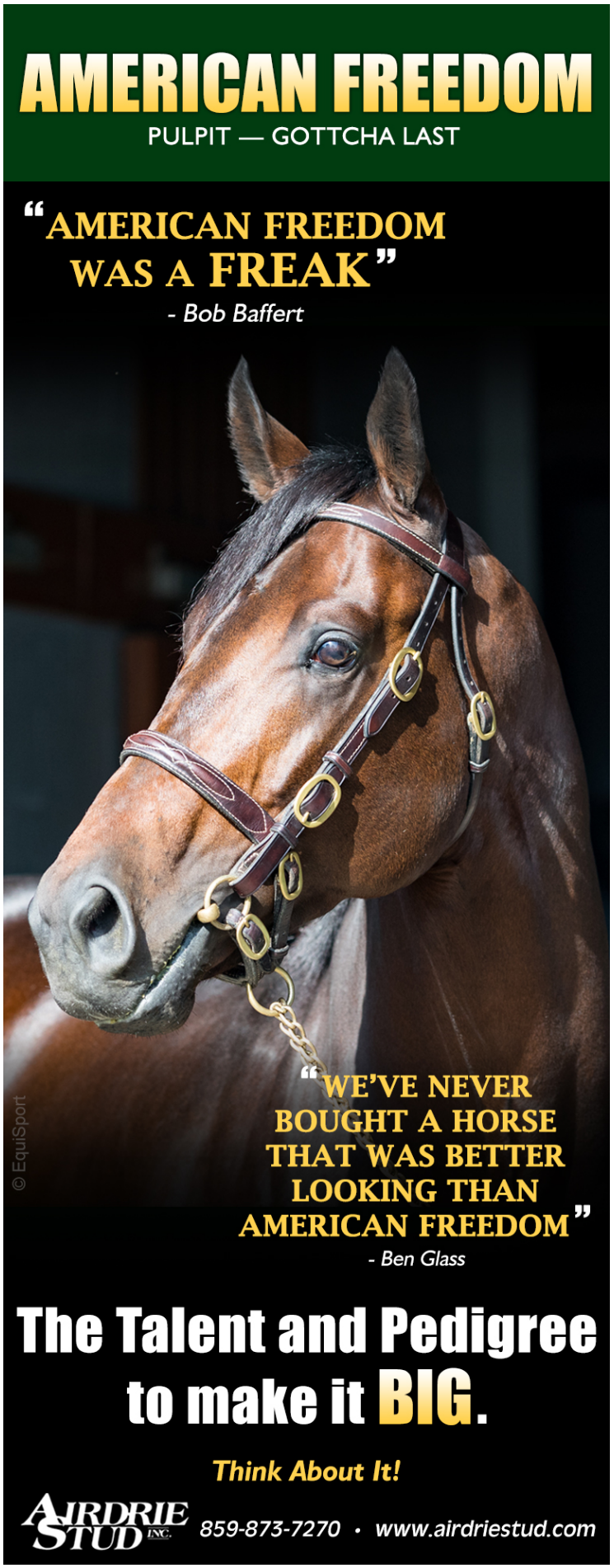
Arkansas Derby Preview cont.

Stretched out to a two-turn mile Mar. 14 in Arcadia, the chestnut removed blinkers, but again went to the lead and dominated, this time by 10 1/4 lengths with a 106 Beyer. Switching riders from Drayden Van Dyke to Martin Garcia for this step up in class, Charlatan has consistently blown away his competition in the mornings, most recently going three-quarters in 1:12 2/5 (1/6) Apr. 26 (XBTV video), and will likely be put on the engine again from his rail draw.

Charlatan's main rival is a fellow **'Rising Star'** in WinStar Farm and Team Valor International's **Gouverneur Morris** (Constitution). Romping by nine lengths in the slop at Saratoga first out last summer, the $600,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream buy was a wide runner-up in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity before being put on the shelf for the remainder of his juvenile season. Returning with a sharp allowance tally Feb. 14 at Tampa, the gray was most recently fourth behind leading Derby contender Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GI Curlin Florida Derby Mar. 28 at Gulfstream.

Gouverneur Morris heading back Friday morning | *Coady*

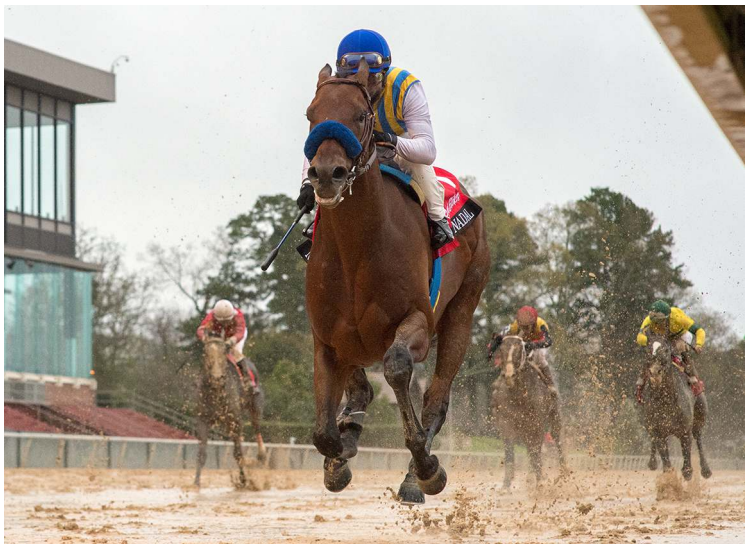
Peter Redekop's **Anneau d'Or** (Medgalia d'Oro) looks to bounce back from a disappointing sophomore debut that followed a bang-up 2-year-old campaign. Cruising to an eight-length success when unveiled over the Golden Gate grass Sept. 29, the $480,000 OBS April buy raised his game when thrown into the deep end in the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, just missing by a head at 28-1. Again narrowly short when beaten a neck in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 7, the bay was respected enough to be even-money in a division of the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 15 at Fair Grounds, but never picked up his feet, fading to finish ninth. Removing the blinkers that went on for that engagement, Anneau d'Or shows a string of sharp works at his Northern California base, capped by a six-furlong bullet in 1:14 2/5 (1/5) Apr. 24. **Cont. p4**



Arkansas Derby cont.

Jackpot Farm's **Basin** (Liam's Map), the lone graded stakes winner in this division, will also try to rebound. Dominating the GI Runhappy Hopeful S. at Saratoga, the $150,000 KEESEP purchase went unseen for over six months and was third upon return in the local GII Rebel S. Mar. 14 before running fourth in the track-and-trip Oaklawn S. Apr. 11.

Hero of that aforementioned Rebel, Nadal figures to face a much stiffer challenge than his barnmate in the second, stronger half of the Arkansas Derby. Picking up his **'Rising Star'** badge with a front-running tally Jan. 19 at Santa Anita, the $700,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream buy dueled on a fast pace and held late to score in the GII San Vicente S. Shipped into Hot Springs for his first two-turn test in the Rebel, he once again was pushed through sizzling fractions, and put away all his early challengers before holding sway late to remain unbeaten. Like Charlatan, Nadal has also been scorching the Santa Anita track in the mornings, most recently going five furlongs in :59 1/5 (1/46) Apr. 26 (XBTV video).



Nadal winning the Rebel | *Sarah Andrew*

Victorias Ranch's **King Guillermo** (Uncle Mo) will try to prove his last effort was no fluke at a fraction of the mutuel price. Off the board when favored at 6-5 debuting in a Gulfstream dirt sprint Sept. 29, the $150,000 OBS April purchase perked up in a big way when moved to turf across town at Gulfstream West Nov. 2, going wire to wire for a 6 1/4-length graduation. Third after chasing a quick tempo in the Pulpit S. Nov. 30 back in Hallandale, the Juan Carlos Avila pupil was ambitiously spotted in the Mar. 7 GII Tampa Bay Derby and rewarded his connections' confidence, skipping away to a 4 3/4-length upset at 49-1. Drawn one slot inside of Nadal, he will be part of an interesting early chess match between his jockey Samy Camacho and Nadal's rider, Joel Rosario, aboard the two speedballs.

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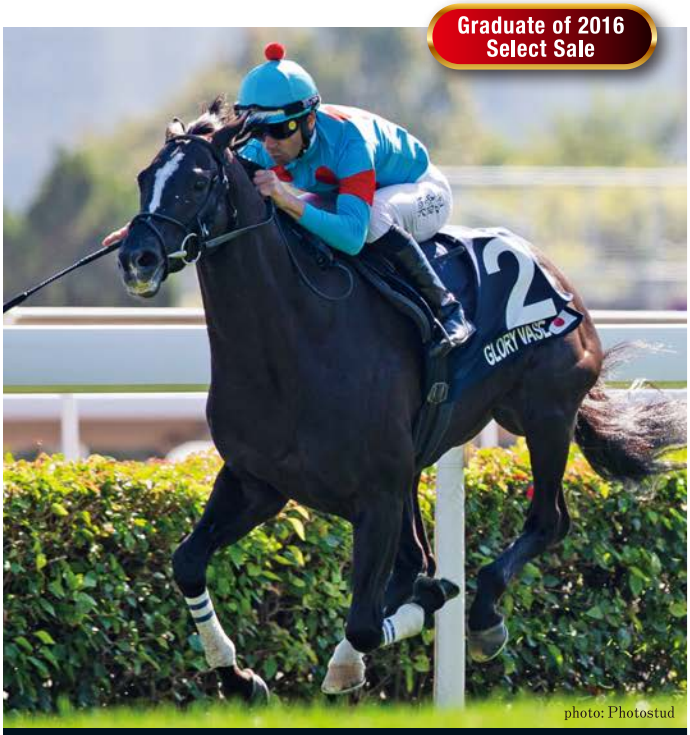

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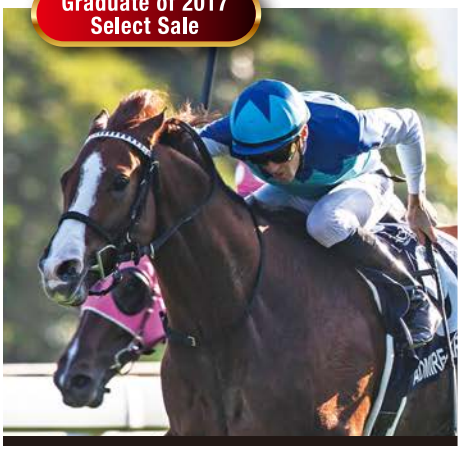

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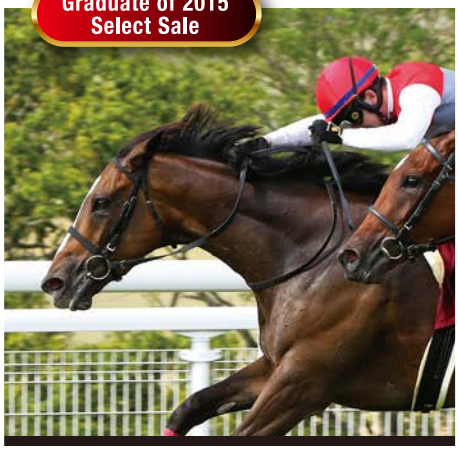

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Arkansas Derby cont.

Also expected to add gas to the pace fire is morning-line third choice **Wells Bayou** (Lookin At Lucky). A winner of two of his first three, including a muddy local optional claimer Jan. 26, the $105,000 OBS March buy stepped up with a promising second after setting a sharp clip in the GIII Southwest S. Allowed a much easier time of it up front in the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby Mar. 21 at Fair Grounds, he dug in down the lane to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths.

Wells Bayou's conqueror in the Southwest, **Silver Prospector** (Declaration of War), re-opposes and figures to be the principal benefactor if the pace falls apart. Upsetting otherwise-undefeated Tiz the Law in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at two, he was fourth when attempting to close into a slow pace in the Smarty Jones S. here Jan. 24 before parlaying a ground-saving ride to victory in the Southwest. Encountering some traffic in the Rebel, the gray retreated from there to be a distant sixth.

Fringe contenders include 2-year-old champion **Storm the Court** (Court Vision), who looks for his first victory as a 3-year-old after running fourth in the San Vicente and third in the GII San Felipe S., and **Farmington Road** (Quality Road), who closed from the clouds to be second by a half-length in the Oaklawn S.

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Ed DeRosa of Brisnet.com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap Triple Crown prep races plus the big three races themselves. The three will make $100 Win/Place bets in the preps and $200 Win/Place bets in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. Highest bankroll at the end wins.

DeRosa - ***Curlin Florida Derby Results*** - **Independence Hall** finished fifth. ***Bankroll: $2275.***

GI Arkansas Derby (1st Div.) - For the purposes of a contest like this, it's hard to stomach taking $20 profit on our mythical wager, but I just can't in good faith make a selection I'd never under any circumstance bet myself, so here we are taking **Charlatan**, who I would absolutely bet at 3-5, let alone his even-money morning line. I think he's the best 3-year-old in training. If this were the Kentucky Derby, I'd try to beat as an "Apollo" horse going 1 1/4 miles off just three career starts (Justify-style LOL), but it's the Arkansas Derby instead, and I'm all in. ***Selection: #1 Charlatan (1-1).***

GI Arkansas Derby (2nd Div.) - **Silver Prospector** has that classic Derby profile: 2-year-old foundation and rounding into form as a 3-year-old. I think he can improve off his last where Nadal turned him away, but he still made a decent middle move, and if that can be sustained with Asmussen's training, then he's dangerous at a nice price. My strongest opinion in the race is against the top three morning-line choices, so I'll be deep with some prices in multi-race wagers, but Silver Prospector is the play on top! ***Selection: #7 Silver Prospector (10-1).***

Sherack - ***Curlin Florida Derby Results*** - **Gouverneur Morris** was a disappointing fourth. ***Bankroll: $1885.***

GI Arkansas Derby (1st Div.) - The unbeaten **Charlatan** completely towers over this field on paper and is also the clear-cut early speed with the defection of Shooters Shoot. Not worth trying to beat, even at 1-5. Let's see if we can sneak longshot Crypto Cash into the gimmicks underneath at a big number. ***Selection: #1 Charlatan (1-1).***

GI Arkansas Derby (2nd Div.) - If you can excuse **Silver Prospector's** Rebel no-show in the slop last time, he's very intriguing at what has to be a great price. The gray is capable of running a race fast enough to win this--see his Southwest score over this track--and he could sit the perfect trip not far behind a projected sharp early pace. Appears to have emerged from his latest in fine form, firing a five-furlong warning shot for Asmussen in Hot Springs Apr. 18. ***Selection: #7 Silver Prospector (10-1).***

DiDonato - ***Curlin Florida Derby Results*** - It feels like it happened a hundred years ago at this point, but **Tiz the Law** (+$420) put us back in front with his dominant win at Gulfstream. ***Bankroll: $2485.***

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GI Arkansas Derby (1st Div.) - How does **Charlatan** lose this race? He's just way too fast for this group, which is clearly the weaker of two Arkansas Derby divisions as a whole. Anneau d'Or seems like the only alternative worth considering--he should love the distance and appears to be working well--but is too hard to trust off that last effort to get off the chalk. ***Selection: #1 Charlatan (1-1).***

GI Arkansas Derby (2nd Div.) - Nadal catches the tougher bunch and already struck me as the more vulnerable of Bob Baffert's two invaders. **King Guillermo** is the play as he figures to not get the respect he deserves off of that 49-1 upset in Tampa Bay Derby. He was just a bad miss by the betting public (myself included) last time, but his route form on the grass was strong and clearly, now, he can handle both surfaces. It's hard to find a knock on his Tampa romp--it was legitimately fast, and while he had an easy stalking trip, he seems like he should be able to work out a similar journey this time right behind Nadal and Wells Bayou. ***Selection: #4 King Guillermo (3-1).***

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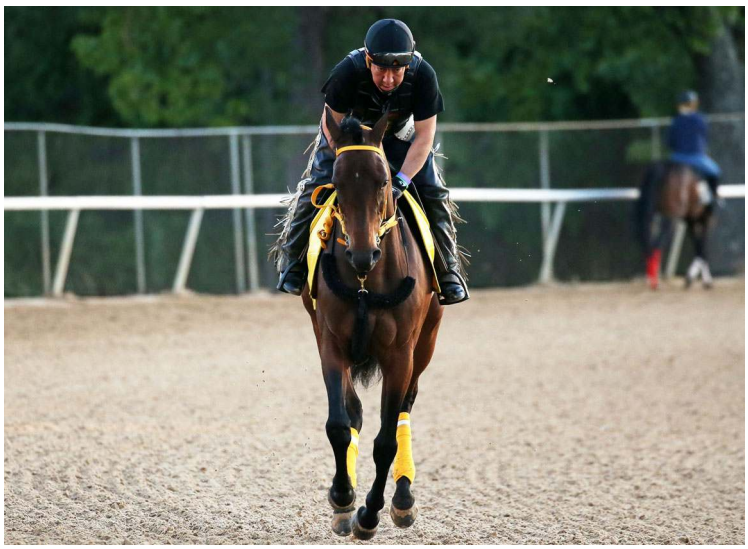

DiDonato thinks King Guillermo could be the forgotten horse | *Coady*

SPLIT DECISION WON'T SUNDER UNANIMOUS 'DERBY DAY' THANKS

by Chris McGrath

'TDN Rising Star' Gouverneur Morris | *Coady*

A house divided against itself cannot stand. We have all sensed that, surely, in this time of more or less ungrudging solidarity with the wider world. For the rest of our lives, however, we'd be very grateful if the first Saturday in May can mean exactly what it has reliably meant before today.

In recent weeks, we've all been buying into the idea of sacrifice for the greater good. In the process, we've been reminded how precious are those routines and rituals, such as Derby day, we previously took for granted. What we must recognize now is that these will themselves be best preserved by the same selfless spirit that prompted their suspension.

From the outset, for instance, the very notion of staging the GI Kentucky Derby behind closed doors May 2 clearly struck its hosts as an unpalatable sacrifice. As things have turned out, it wouldn't have been possible anyway. But just lobbing a grenade into the rest of the calendar--the postponement to Sept. 5 appearing entirely heedless of others with stewardship of historic races--was a pretty unpromising start, in terms of the industry uniting in its collective interests. It was, in short, the work of a house divided. **Cont. p7**

This Side Up cont.

Sure, Churchill faced a lose-lose situation. But welcome to Planet Earth, 2020. Lose-lose is the name of the game for our species right now. And our response, among individuals and leaders alike, is measuring quite a spectrum.

Thanks to Oaklawn Park, where a sense of continuity and heritage is rendered flesh-and-blood in the surname of its president, the 2017 foal crop does have a Grade I opportunity on the first Saturday in May. Yes, they had to tweak their own legacy, moving the Arkansas Derby from its traditional April date. But this is just the most luminous example of how Oaklawn, even with its casino funds running dry, stepped up to the plate during the meet that ends today.

The industry's debt also extends, naturally, to those other venues that have kept some kind of show on the road. Having often expressed due gratitude to Oaklawn, however, I hope they won't mind me remarking that a horse race divided against itself is also liable to lose its footing.

The very concept of splitting a Grade I race goes against logic. These are supposed to be elite prizes, hard to win, and if you haven't established adequate credentials to make the cut, that's tough. Yes, sometimes you might find yourself eliminating a potential winner; even a potential champion. (Very possibly a consideration in this instance.) And nobody could complain, in the circumstances, if a division made business sense in terms of handle and so on.

But if your only purpose was a substitute 'Kentucky Derby'--and perhaps a winner more eligible for historic comparison than some late-maturing animal in September--then really there could be no argument about it. A single $750,000 race, contested by the 14 most accomplished entries, would be a closer fit than what has turned into two $500,000 races with nine runners apiece (pending any additional scratchings).

Things might have been different had Oaklawn's enterprise been duly rewarded by 28 authentic Classic types clamouring for a gate, but the likes of Tiz The Law (Constitution) and Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}) were known to be regrouping for September. As it is, following serial defections from an entry that only ever had marginal claims to split, Oaklawn finds itself ill-served for indulging those who urged a division.

Moreover, there's an unhappy imbalance between the fields, the first being dignified by just two stakes placings this year. Perhaps, in future, protocols for the division of big races could incorporate an element of seeding. Is there any good reason

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why equal portions of each field couldn't be drawn from pools grouped according to some acceptable gauge of merit?

Conceivably, the 'lose-lose' scenario at Churchill may yet extend to locked turnstiles Sept. 5. In the meantime, however, they stand to gain as much as anyone from today's division, with the respective winners only likely to meet under the Twin Spires. To be fair, I guess that would ultimately represent just the right kind of communal boon for our sport during a window of opportunity that remains closed, for instance, to baseball.

So maybe those who know Victor Martinez only as a Major League all-star will become engaged by his new sporting dream, as owner of GII Tampa Bay Derby stunner **King Guillermo** (Uncle Mo).

However startling his breakout success, this colt does look a legitimate talent. Yes, Sole Volante is easily pardoned defeat that day, given how the race set up; in fact, he'd have had a perfect platform, in this brisk-looking field, to pounce for his revenge. In his absence, King Guillermo could well pick up the pieces should **Wells Bayou** (Lookin At Lucky) and **Nadal** (Blame) go out there and break each other's heads.

Perhaps, however, Nadal will sensibly be asked to demonstrate a little flexibility today. Meanwhile his barnmate **Charlatan** (Speightstown) finds himself in the lighter heat, and blessed with the rail. So there's a limit to what we can learn, after twice depending on the clock to corroborate his flamboyance in thrashing a total of seven rivals. But **Gouverneur Morris** (Constitution) represents a new challenge, after a useful learning experience in the GI Florida Derby; while **Anneau d'Or** (Medaglia d'Oro) and **Basin** (Liam's Map) could yet stoke the embers of their juvenile fire.

Whatever happens, let's enjoy a 'Derby day' we're unlikely to forget. Thank you, Mr. Cella, for laying it on. A pity that the division has backfired: Oaklawn deserved better. But we're going to see some terrific sport, and will end the day with renewed ardour for the resumption of the way of life we love. As and when we finally get back to the racetrack, however, let's not check our altruism at the door.

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DESIGNATED HITTERS TAKING A SWING IN ARKANSAS DERBY

The Designated Hitters | *Dan Heim*

by Katie Ritz

Just two years ago, Maryland-based horseplayer Rob Schutzman had only dreamed of owning a racehorse. But thanks to a little help from his wife Jill, he is now a part of the new ownership group Designated Hitters Racing, whose star 3-year-old **My Friends Beer** (Stay Thirsty) will start on Saturday in the first division of the GI Arkansas Derby.

Jason Scott and Dan Heim were the original founders of the partnership. "Jason grew up near Pimlico and Dan is from Ocala," said Schutzman. "They both have a background in the industry. For me, it started out from a betting point of view."

Scott and Heim connected through their kids attending the same elementary school, and the pair formed Designated Hitters Racing in 2018.

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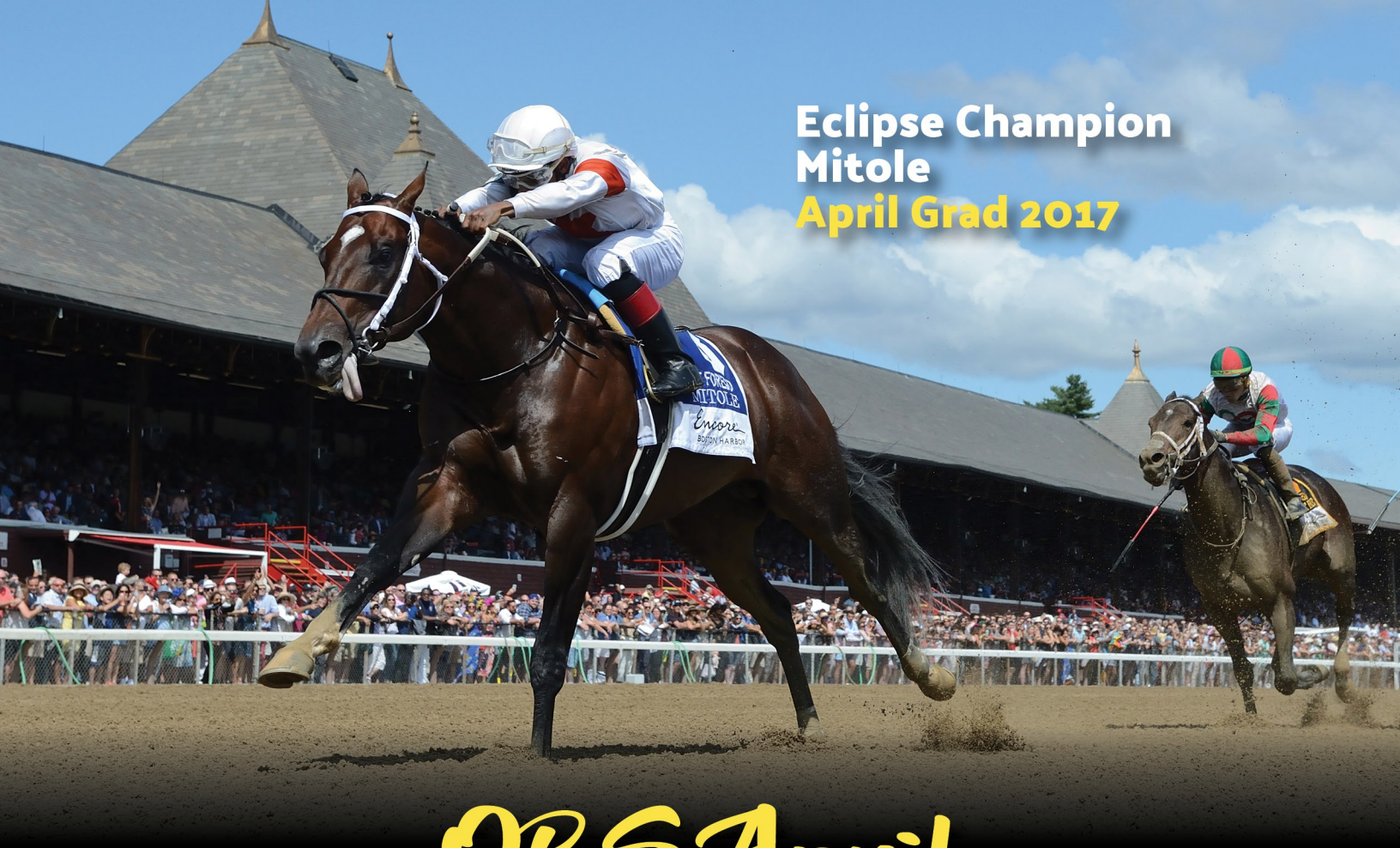

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Schutzman joined soon after when his wife introduced him to the group. "My wife is the secretary at their kids' school. You know how wives talk, they just go around and BS. Husbands never really do that, you know," Schutzman quipped.

Designated Hitters Racing now has almost a dozen members, with a good deal of baseball fans in the mix. "Jason is an Orioles fan, and I'm from New York so I'm a Yankees fan, but I kind of keep that quiet," said Schutzman. "We like to get behind our horses, so we came up with the name Designated Hitters."

The group got their first taste of the big leagues when **Rookie Salsa** (Two Step Salsa) took the Kentucky Juvenile S. last spring. "That was our first big stakes win," recalled Schutzman. "That really gets your blood going."

"I made it to Churchill for that win. I try to make it to all their races," he said. "The horses do a lot of good for us so we want to support them, no matter where they're racing."

My Friends Beer | *Coady Photo*

Since its inception, the group has run in the money in 50% of their starts and has already collected three wins this year. Schutzman said the partnership's success has been due in no small part to trainer and advisor Jeremiah O'Dwyer.

"Jerry goes to every sale and we throw some ideas together," said Schutzman. "He's done a great job picking out the good 2-year-olds. We don't spend a lot of money. We try and get horses that have good pedigrees and are at reasonable prices."

One such fairly priced 2-year-old proved to be one of their best purchases. Last spring, O'Dwyer went to $25,000 at the OBS April Sale for a colt by Stay Thirsty and out of the Elusive Quality mare Slew's Quality.

"Nobody paid any attention to him because he was a May foal and was very undersized," said Schutzman.

But the Designator Hitters team had a reason to give the colt a second glance. "He's a half brother to Shamrock Rose (First Dude)," Schutzman said. "Dan always liked her breeding and kept an eye on her after he had bet her to win the [GI] Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint at 25-1. So we took a chance on him because of his sister."

Named in reference to the Dos Equis slogan, My Friends Beer never quite caught up in size.

"He's a little guy," said Schutzman. "He weighs about 300 pounds less than the other horses in the barn. But he's tough and he loves to run. Even after he gets back to the stall after a race and cools off, he could run the next day. That's how he is. He just loves being a racehorse."

Last year, the young 2-year-old ran in the money twice in four starts at Laurel Park. But as the calendar turned, Schutzman said the colt turned a corner as well, breaking his maiden on the first of the year. In March, he ran second in the Private Terms S. at Laurel. The decision to ship the horse to Oaklawn was made when Laurel Park announced a hiatus from racing Mar. 20.

"We took a chance and sent him to Oaklawn," said Schutzman. "He finished up well in an allowance optional claimer [Apr. 11] against some really good horses, so that's what led us to this Saturday."

After finishing third in that most recent start, My Friends Beer is sure to be one of the longer shots on Saturday, listed at 20-1 morning line. But the Designated Hitters team is no stranger to being the underdog.

"Rookie Salsa was 27-1 when he won the stakes at Churchill," said Schutzman. "So, we don't get the money at the window, but we try and fight, and we're never out of it. My Friends Beer won't be any different."

He continued, "Each race he gets a little more mature and we think he's bred to go the distance, so why not take a chance? The favorite [Charlatan {Speightstown}] is right to our left, so we can keep an eye on him. If he keeps his focus, we've got a shot."

While the group is excited about their first Grade I entry, Schutzman said they can't help being a little disappointed they won't be able to cheer him on.

"We really wanted to go, but we're throwing some ideas around on how to watch," he said. "We want to pay attention to the social distancing rules, but we're trying to figure out how we can all watch the race together. We're really excited about this."

Not swayed by size, age, and past success or failure, the Designated Hitters team has full confidence in their "Most Interesting Horse in the World."

"If he runs his race, he may be 10 lengths back at the top of the stretch, but he's got a lot of heart and likes to sneak up on you," said Schutzman. "He never gives up. That's why he's finished in the money in six of his eight career starts."

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Designated Hitters cont.

But at the end of the day, Schutzman said they are all over the moon for their colt to have reached this point.

"However he does is good with us," he said. "We just want a safe trip for him and the jockey, and hopefully we can make some hay."

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Rookie Salsa | *Coady Photo*

BIG 'CAP VICTOR HEADLINES TALENTED OAKLAWN H. FIELD

The steadily improving **Combatant** (Scat Daddy), winner of the GI Santa Anita H. last out, headlines an intriguing field in Saturday's GII Oaklawn H. Closing out his 2019 campaign with a Churchill optional claiming victory Nov. 8 for Winchell Thoroughbred, Willis Horton and trainer Steve Asmussen, he was sent through the ring at Keeneland November days later, where bloodstock agent David Ingordo purchased him for $220,000 for Hronis Racing. Transferred to John Sadler, the bay checked in third in the GII San Pasqual S. Feb. 1 and rebounded to win the Big 'Cap next out Mar. 7.

"He put in a good third in the prep for the Big Cap and then ran really well in the Big Cap," trainer John Sadler told the Oaklawn notes team. "He's a horse that is doing really well right now. He was a good horse when we got him. He was coming off a win at Churchill Downs. We got him out here [to California]. My thought is there's always room in the handicap division. He's not disappointed us. He's training great."

Last year's GII Louisiana Derby hero **By My Standards** (Goldencents) has been a force to be reckoned with this term. A dominant six-length optional claimer winner at Fair Grounds Feb. 9, the bay scored a decisive victory in the GII New Orleans Classic S. Mar. 21.

Tacitus (Tapit) seeks his first win since last year's GII Wood Memorial S., but he always shows up and should be considered a threat here. Runner-up in the GI Belmont S., GII Jim Dandy S. and GI Travers S. last summer, the gray was third in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. Sept. 28 and was shelved for the season. The Juddmonte homebred's first and only start this term was in the Saudi Cup Feb. 29, where he finished a respectable fifth.

Also worth a look in here are GIII Razorback H. victor **Warrior's Charge** (Munnings), GII Gulfstream Park Mile S. winner **Mr Freeze** (To Honor and Serve) and Grade I winner **Improbable** (City Zip), who was a close second in the Oaklawn Mile S. last time Apr. 11.

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FASIG-TIPTON'S DENNIS LYNCH PASSES AT 68 *by Bill Finley*

Dennis Lynch | *Evan Ferraro photo*

Fasig-Tipton Senior Account Executive Dennis Lynch, "some kind of special man" according to all who knew him, passed away Friday after long battle with cancer. He was 68.

A notice confirming Lynch's death was posted Friday on a blog he had been writing. It read: "Husband, father, brother, uncle and friend he was this to all of us. He was also a man of deep faith in God. 'Let's roll from the quarter pole' is something Dennis said many times when he wanted to get everyone moving in the same direction. Although we were not ready for him to leave us, Dennis was ready to move to heaven.'"

Dennis Henry Lynch was born July 19, 1951, in Ashland, Kentucky. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he worked in mid-1970s at Buck Pond Farm in Kentucky for Vic Heerman, who owned the farm with Susan Proskauer. **Cont. p11**

Dennis Lynch Passes cont.

Dennis would often recall working there when Spectacular Bid was born surprisingly in a field. Later, he worked in pedigree department at the *Blood-Horse* and consigned horses as an agent at various sales.

He moved to California because, "he wanted to see those San Gabriel Mountains," as he so often said, where he worked for the highly respected Southern California trainer, Gene Cleveland. He also worked for the CTBA and Bloodstock agent Rollin Baugh before forming Lynch Bloodstock.

As a bloodstock agent, his clients included Due Process Stables, Bill Herrick and the successful TV producer David Milch. He purchased, as agent for Milch, the 1992 Eclipse champion juvenile Gilded Time as a 2-year-old at the OBS February sale.

He was very involved with the formation of Barretts Equine Sales in California as a National Field Representative and Inspector, recruiting horses and sellers for Barretts in the early years. But, in 1995, wanting to return to his native Kentucky, he accepted a position with Fasig-Tipton and was heavily involved in the recruitment of horses and client development for the company up until his passing. He served as one of Fasig-Tipton's lead yearling inspectors throughout his time with the company, working closely alongside the late Bill Graves.

Lynch shares a laugh with the Fasig-Tipton Inspection Team (l-r), Bayne Welker, Max Hodge, Dennis Lynch, Evan Ferraro, Grant Williamson and Ramiro Restrepo in 2018 | Photo by Z

A truly beloved character of racing and sales, he was known for his clever sense of humor and generous spirit. He had friends all over the world. Millionaire racehorse Del Mar Dennis, who won three consecutive runnings of the San Bernardino H. at Santa Anita from 1994-1996, was named after Lynch by the horse's owners Trudy McCaffery and John Toffan.

Upon learning of his death, Lynch's friends were eager to talk about what a special person he was. Many of them remarked that he would do anything for anybody.

"I am devastated," said Pat Costello, the co-owner of Paramount Sales. "He was some kind of special man. He touched so many people and always made everybody else feel great. He was selfless to the core, just a beautiful human being. He is in a better place now."

Costello's partner at Paramount, Spider Duignan, also recalled a person to whom everybody took an instant liking.

"What a shame," he said. "He fought a great fight and he had been fighting this for a while. What a super guy. He was always in good humor. He loved life and he loved having fun. Dennis was a friend to a lot of people. I exchanged some texts with him fairly recently. After a while, he was not doing great, but he was at peace with his illness. He had a deep religious faith and that helped him a lot there at the end. He was very much at peace with this and he fought it until the very end."

Adrian Regan, a co-owner of Hunter Valley Farm recalled an occasion when Lynch put his own illness aside in an attempt to reach out to Regan's mother.

"My mother was sick at the end of last year and Dennis took it upon himself to write a letter to my mother even though he was having treatment at the time as well," he said. "That's the type of guy Dennis was. He had everybody's best interests at heart. He was just a fantastic man and a fantastic friend."

In his last post to the blog, Lynch wrote on Apr. 18 about getting the news from his doctors that he only had a few weeks to a few months to live, and praised his wife, Susan, for her support.

"Bad news, I know, but I sit here thinking my family is provided for," he wrote. "I come from the greatest Irish Catholic family ever, have more and better friends than anyone, and have had more fun in my lifetime than is imaginable. I say that's pretty good. I have great resolve in my faith knowing that the eternal reward is what we all strive for. Susan has been and is unbelievably strong and my boys are coming in so we are fine here and going to get settled in to make things easier on them (and me). I love all of you."

In a Jan. 23 post, Lynch wrote about how much his friends meant to him.

"The last two years have brought several challenges," he wrote. "They also have provided some outstanding opportunities to grow and learn. Cancer is one of the unforeseen consequences, for some of us, of being alive. This time in my life has been characterized by humor, sorrow, lightness and darkness, and it is something that will remain truly vivid in my mind. I have learned a lot about myself, my family and so many of my friends. Without all of them and my faith, this journey would have been so much more difficult, if not

impossible. I will never forget the kindness, love, and prayers shown towards me."

Lynch's duties at Fasig-Tipton included traveling to farms across the U.S. to evaluate horses that the sales company was considering accepting for an upcoming sale. Duignan said Lynch went above and beyond to give guidance to the prospective sellers.

"He was one of the recruiters and he used to come out and inspect the stock that we had nominated," he said. "He would always give us a very fair assessment and give us good advice whether the horse would fit the particular sale we were aiming for. He was always there for someone to call, for a bit of advice."

His workmates at Fasig-Tipton were devastated at the loss, which came so quickly after that of Bill Graves just last year.

"Dennis was a true champion of the underdog and underprivileged," said Fasig-Tipton's President Boyd Browning. "None of us will ever know how many lives he touched or how many people he helped because he never wanted any credit. He was an exceptional horseman with an exceptional heart. We will miss him dearly."

"It would take a basketful of adjectives to describe the personality of Dennis, and it could never be complete," said Fasig-Tipton's longtime announcer Terence Collier. "When you check the dictionary for `enigma,' there will be the photo of Dennis. He leaves a painful void in the lives of all those who knew him, particularly his colleagues at Fasig-Tipton. But for his beautiful wife, Susan, and his two accomplished sons, his memory will be with them forever."

Max Hodge, the Vice President of Client Services, said, "He was a big brother to us all here at Fasig-Tipton and to so many within the Thoroughbred community. He was a great friend, co-worker, mentor, confidant and inspiration to me for my entire adult life. His office was the heartbeat of our office building and overflowed with wisdom, humor, sage counsel, and those in search of the same. He prioritized family and religion above all else. I miss him dearly. He beat the game."

Account Executive Peter Penny said "He was one of my best friends. I loved the guy. Meeting him, and getting to know him as I have, has enriched my life more than he could ever know. He made life that much more fun."

Lynch is survived by his wife, Susan, and his two sons, Barton and Hank.

The *TDN* invites those who would like to share a story about Dennis for publication to email suefinley@thetdn.com and we we will publish them in a future edition.

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A Fever Sent From Above...

The Loblolly Stable-bred and raced Angel Fever was the year-younger full-sister to Pine Bluff, a dual graded winner and twice Grade I-placed at two who added the GI Preakness S. and was third in the GI Belmont S. in 1992. She was also a half-sister to Loblolly's 1987 GI Arkansas Derby hero Demons Begone (Elocutionist).

Angel Fever was trained by Tony Reinstedler for John Ed Anthony's operation, winning her maiden by 11 lengths at first asking at Churchill a few weeks after the conclusion of the 1992 Triple Crown, but she was retired after suffering an injury when second in that year's Colleen S. at Monmouth Park. Then four, she was entered as part of a large Loblolly draft (Longfield Farm, agent) to the 1994 Keeneland November sale, carrying her second foal by Forty Niner.

Pine Bluff winning the Preakness | *Getty Images*

"She was a very good-looking mare. She had all you looked for in a mare," Hancock said. "We were told she had a lot of ability and we loved her pedigree and we loved her physically, so we decided to try to get her. We were fortunate to get her."

When the hammer fell, the board read $525,000. It was a transaction that almost didn't happen.

In early 1994, John Adger, who befriended Hancock in the late 1960s, invited the horseman to Houston to meet successful businessman Robert McNair and his wife Janice. Adger also famously introduced Hancock to Tom Tatham, who purchased a controlling interest in Halo from Windfields Farm and relocated him to Stone Farm and later bred Halo's most prolific stallion son, the aforementioned Sunday Silence.

"We had dinner, we hit it off, I liked Bob and Janice and they liked me," Hancock said. "I told them, 'Don't get in the business unless you're prepared to lose what you invest because it's a tough game.'" **Cont. p13**

Fusaichi Pegasus cont.

A partnership had nevertheless been struck. And the fortuitous nature of the relationship was on display on the first day of the 1994 November Sale. The Hancock/McNair/Adger trio had done their due diligence in researching hip 55.

"I've always been a fan of John Ed Anthony and the way he ran his operation," Adger explained. "He had some outstanding broodmares. Arthur and I were enamored with Angel Fever, like a lot of other people, of course. I was walking up the back ring and saw Dr. [Gary] Lavin, who took care of the horses for the Anthonys. I walked up to him and said, 'Doc, is there anything about Angel Fever that's not in the catalogue that I should know about?' And he looked at me and smiled and said, 'John, all you need to know is she's not the only the best filly or mare Ed's ever had, she's his best racehorse.'"

Hancock--on the aisle--McNair and Adger sat in that order, left to right, in the pavilion, with Hancock the 'designated bidder.'

"I bid up to $475,000 and somebody bid $500,000," Hancock recollected. "That scared me, that was a lot for me. So I shook my head no."

McNair was short on experience where it came to Thoroughbreds, but long on business acumen and possessed of the resources to go into battle.

"He said, 'I'm out, I'm out,'" Adger said of Hancock. "Bob looked at me and said, 'What do you think?' and I said, 'Well, Bob, we got the green light from a fella that knows more about it than any of us, why don't you let us bid a time or two again?' He said, 'Bid again, Arthur.'"

"So I bid the $25,000 and damned if we didn't get her," Hancock said. "I always told Bob that if it hadn't been for him, we would never have gotten her."

In the fall of 1994, Hancock sold the McNairs the parcel of land that would become Stonerside Farm.

Angel Fever at Stone Farm, 48 hours after her son Fusaichi Pegasus won the GI Kentucky Derby | *Horsephotos*

'*Superman*' *Is Born...*

Mr. Prospector was relocated from Florida to Claiborne Farm, the farm owned by Hancock's brother Seth--six years his junior--in 1980, and he was something of a no-brainer choice for Angel Fever in 1995 and 1996.

"As I remember, it was a pretty good outcross," Hancock said. "Angel Fever had speed and we knew Mr. Prospector could sire horses with speed. I remember liking the nick--it was the Raise A Native line on the Northern Dancer line through Danzig, not much inbreeding. John and I talked about this and we agreed that it would be the right way to go.

"I called Bob and I said, 'Bob, John and I think we should breed Angel Fever to Mr. Prospector,' and he said in his southern accent--he was from North Carolina, originally--'Well, Arthur, I haven't studied it yet, but if you and John feel strongly about it, then it's OK by me.'"

Angel Fever foaled a filly in 1996, and that produce got the partnership 'out', financially speaking, when she fetched an even $1 million from Bob and Beverly Lewis at the November sale later that year. Hancock was on hand when Angel Fever produced a colt Apr. 12, 1997.

"He was the damndest foal," he recollected. "There were about four of us standing around there and it was only four, five or six minutes after he foaled and he had his front legs stretched out in front of him. Most of them don't do it that quick. And he started looking at each of us, moving his head and I said, 'Look at this damn foal! He's looking at us like a dog would look at you.' I've never seen a foal do that. He stood up in 35 or 40 minutes, which is a good sign, it shows courage and athleticism. When he stood up, I said, 'Oh my God, look at this foal. I'm going to nickname him Superman.'"

Growing Up Wasn't Always Straight-Forward...

The Angel Fever colt was unflappable from the time he was born into his yearling season. His constitution was on full display on a March day in 1998.

"I remember the weatherman said, 'There's going to be a skiff [i.e. dusting] of snow, today,'" Hancock said. "Well, we had about 20 inches and it drifted and it was over waist-deep in the drift in the barn where he was. I went up to help the boys turn out--the whole farm was kind of locked in--so I went and got him myself. I was wading through the snow which was about up to my belt. I'll never forget--he kind of stopped, kind of looking down at the snow. I said to the boys, 'He's studying this damn snow!' I'll never forget that. Another thing he would do if you walked out to see the yearlings in the afternoon, he would come out of the pack to come up and say hello. He was a very curious, inquisitive, intelligent horse." **Cont. p14**

Arthur Hancock III | *EquiSport*

But the colt's preparation for the 1998 Keeneland July sale did not always go as planned.

"I remember getting him ready for the sale," Hancock said. "John Hayes was the yearling manager at that time. We turned [the colt] out and he sort of threw a fit. He had a temper and he threw a fit trying to get away from him. John took that shank and sort of got into him and the horse started backing up. It scared me--I thought he was going to sit down on the blacktop--but he learned from that and he was never more any trouble."

He continued, "The first day at the sale he was studdish--screaming and everything and I thought, 'We're ruined. We've got this beautiful yearling, great pedigree and no one is going to buy him.' He did that all day long. John Hayes said, 'Just relax, Mr. Hancock. He'll hopefully get better.' Now, I've seen them when they *didn't* get better, but with him, the next day he did it some and then he tapered off and started acting good. I told people that he's just a young man, feeling good and he'll calm down. And, thank God he did, but I'm going to tell you, I didn't sleep too good at night!"

The Star of the Show...

Hancock and partners felt they had a seven-figure yearling on their hands, but that is not to say there weren't some anxious moments before the Angel Fever colt was offered as hip 228, the second-last horse to go through the ring of the boutique July Sale on the evening of Tuesday, July 21.

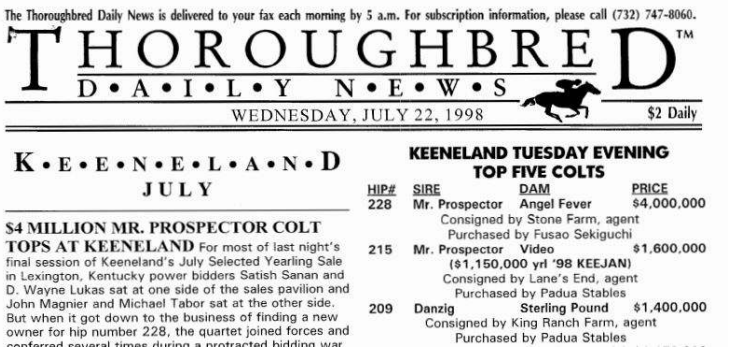
"The horse was coming into the ring and John [Adger] says, 'Oh my God, we're in trouble,'" Hancock recalled. "I said, 'What do you mean?' I thought something had happened to the horse. He said, 'Look over there, our two big money men have teamed up,'" referring to Satish Sanan, who was seated alongside Coolmore's John Magnier and Demi O'Byrne. "I made up my mind that I was going to bid something and try to put a syndicate together, because we loved that horse. He was the best-looking yearling we've ever had. But I didn't have to. Mr. Sekiguchi was sitting out there with John Ward, who picked him out for him, and I couldn't believe it. We would have been tickled to death with a million and a half, $2 million--he brings $4 million. We were high-fiving one another, we were thrilled."

The following day, the Stone Farm phone rings. The secretary patches the call through to Hancock.

"Mr. Satish Sanan is on the phone," the secretary said.

"I didn't really know him at the time," said Hancock . "As soon as I said hello, he said, 'Arthur, I wanted that damned horse!' I said, 'Well it's too late now!'" he said with a hearty laugh.

Sanan's Padua Stables signed for the next three highest-priced colts during that session, including a $1.6-million son of Mr. Prospector--Video, and also acquired the filly that would ultimately become GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Cash Run (Seeking the Gold) for $1.2 million. Sanan spent $13 million at July that summer.



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$4 MILLION MR. PROSPECTOR COLT TOPS AT KEENELAND For most of last night's final session of Keeneland's July Selected Yearling Sale in Lexington, Kentucky power bidders Satish Sanan and D. Wayne Lukas sat at one side of the sales pavilion and John Magnier and Michael Tabor sat at the other side. But when it got down to the business of finding a new owner for hip number 228, the quartet joined forces and conferred several times during a protracted bidding war

KEENELAND TUESDAY EVENING TOP FIVE COLTS

HIP#	SIRE	DAM	PRICE
228	Mr. Prospector	Angel Fever	$4,000,000
	Consigned by Stone Farm, agent Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi		
215	Mr. Prospector	Video	$1,600,000
	($1,150,000 yrl '98 KEEJAN) Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by Padua Stables		
209	Danzig	Sterling Pound	$1,400,000
	Consigned by King Ranch Farm, agent Purchased by Padua Stables		

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Fusaichi Pegasus Takes Flight...

Turned over to trainer Neil Drysdale, who orchestrated the Classic season in 1992 of the part Japanese-owned A.P. Indy, Fusaichi Pegasus went on a five-race winning streak in 2000, scoring in the GII San Felipe S. and GII Wood Memorial S. before becoming the first favorite since Spectacular Bid in 1979 to take the Derby.

"It was just wonderful," Hancock said. "It was a great feeling to see him do that. We were all very proud of him. Just a wonderful feeling. I was happy for Mr. Sekiguchi. They're kind of like our children. We were all on cloud nine."

Added Adger: "Arthur did a great job getting him to the sales and we were just thrilled when he won the Derby. He was a gorgeous animal. That was a very exciting day. I can still see that big bay rolling down the outside of the track.

"That was an exciting time," Adger went on. "And Arthur--he's the Derby man. He's either raised them or bred them. He's got about as fine a record in the Classics as anyone I know. He's something else." **Cont. p15**

Fusaichi Pegasus defeats Aptitude beneath the Twin Spires
Horsephotos

Derby Aftermath...

Following the Derby, Sekiguchi was welcomed at Stone Farm for some tea, a kimono in hand for Hancock's wife Staci.

"He had that very formal air about him," Hancock remembered. "He didn't say anything for about 30 seconds and I'm thinking, 'What the hell is he thinking about?' [Sekiguchi] kind of bowed his head and said, 'Arthur-san...you are a genius!' I said, 'Mr. Sekiguchi, you bought a yearling from us, paid $4 million for him, won the Kentucky Derby with him and sold him as a stallion. You, Mr. Sekiguchi, are the genius.'"

Hancock says he put together a high-powered team of Kentucky horsemen in an attempt to stand Fusaichi Pegasus at Stone Farm. He lost that particular battle to one of Fusaichi Pegasus's underbidders, but whatever disappointment might linger from that small upset, is trumped by the considerable success he has tasted in a long and prosperous career. For example, Angel Fever, who passed away at age 14 in 2004, contributed mightily to that success, her progeny having accounted for better than $18 million in bloodstock sales.

The correlation between seven-figure auction purchases and racetrack plaudits is not always one-to-one. Fusaichi Pegasus was an exception to that rule and clearly still occupies a spot near and dear to Arthur Boyd Hancock III.

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FIFTY YEARS LATER, DERBY RIDE STILL A THRILL FOR CRUMP *by Bill Finley*

She knew her horse didn't have a chance in the 1970 Kentucky Derby and so did everyone else, but, still, Diane Crump couldn't avoid the spotlight as the race approached. At least she was used to it. Fifteen months earlier, Crump became the first female to ride in a pari-mutuel race. Now, she was set to make history again, as the first female to ride in the Kentucky Derby.

"That whole week, the whole atmosphere, it was just amazing," said Crump. "If this is the sport you love, nothing beats that. I am eternally grateful that I got to participate. The only thing it lacked is that my horse wasn't a serious contender."

Crump is now 71, based in Northern Virginia and buys and sells sport horses. Though she only won 235 races in her career, her impact on the sport is unmistakable. There were other female riders who attempted to become jockeys before she did, but they were never able to get past the threats from male jockeys that they would boycott any race in which a women was cleared to ride.

Diane Crump (middle) aboard Bridle 'N Bit at Hialeah in 1969
Getty Images

When Crump got clearance to ride a horse named Bridle 'n Bit in a Feb. 7, 1969, race at Hialeah, six males jockeys took off their mounts. That a female was riding in a horse race was such an oddity that she was mobbed by reporters from newspapers and television stations and photographers. The horse finished 10th, but Crump received a positive review in the *New York Times*, which noted, "Even the most bitter opponents of girl riders had to admit she looked good on Bridle 'n Bit."

"For me, the most exciting thing that happened to me was getting to ride," Crump says today. "It was such a battle."

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Diane Crump cont.

It was never easy for Crump, who said she rarely got to ride a horse that had a chance, but she did have at least one benefactor. W. L. Lyons Brown, whose family owned the Brown-Forman distillery, took a liking to her and began putting her aboard many of his horses. Not only did he support Crump, but he turned over many of his horses to her husband, the trainer Don Divine

"Mr. Brown gave me such an opportunity," she said. "He rode me on every single horse he owned. I never would have had the opportunities I did without him. He thought I was a great rider and I had that in my favor."

On paper, Fathom didn't belong in the Derby, but Crump said that Brown, a Louisville native, had always wanted to start a horse in the race. Crump had Brown on her side, she was married to the trainer and she had ridden Fathom in all but his first career start, so there was little debate as to who would get the mount for the Derby.

Dust Commander winning the 1970 Derby | *Getty Images*

By Derby Day, May 2, 1970, the sport had moved on and was, at the very least, reluctantly accepting the fact that female jockeys were there to stay.

"A lot of the harassment and most of the issues occurred before I ever got to ride," Crump said. "The first two or three months were the worst. At the Derby, it was a little over a year since I started and by then, things had calmed down. I was fairly well received in Kentucky, more so than in other states. There was less dissension. After the first several months it died down so far as the male jockeys went. It wasn't perfect, but it definitely improved."

Yet, Crump was still a major story leading up to the race. The *Times'* coverage of the day included a feature story on Crump, and the reporter ventured into the crowd to hear from the fans.

"I just won't bet on her," Willow Abraham told the *Times*. "It's just not right...Women have no business being on a race horse" Jeff Lehman told the paper that Crump's presence "took a lot of tradition out of the Derby."

Given the rare chance to ride a contender, Crump won the first race on the card on a horse that paid $8. It was her 34th career winner. She finished fourth on her next mount and then retreated to her quarters. Not wanting to be a distraction or take anything away from the winner of the Derby, she let it be known that she would not speak to reporters afterward unless she finished in the top five.

Fathom never had a chance. He finished 15th in a 17-horse field.

"I loved the horse," Crump said. "He just wasn't a mile-and-a-quarter horse or of that caliber."

It would be Crump's one and only ride in the Derby. For most of her career, she still had to deal with the stigma of being a female jockey, which, she says, kept her from ever getting a fair chance to ride quality horses.

"I think I was a very good rider," she said. "I won races I never should have won. I think I rode a good race and I had the potential to be a really good rider. I never got to show it because I was never put on a top horse. I won races on horses that paid $100, horses that were 99-1. I beat top riders coming down to the wire. You need to ride a certain amount of horses to get proficient at it. It took longer for me because of how few horses I got to ride. That my biggest disappointment."

Crump retired in 1986 and then made a comeback. She rode from 1992 to 1997 and also trained from 1990 through 1998. She wishes she could have ridden and trained more winners than she did, but is proud of the role she played in the history of the sport.

"I am happy that I got to pave the way," she said. "My footprint is in that first little wet pavement. I'm grateful for that and for whatever I was able to lend to the sport."

After Crump and others broke down the doors, riders like Julie Krone and Rosie Naprvanik proved that a female could compete with the very best. But 50 years later, a female jockey still has not won the Kentucky Derby and only six have ridden in the race, and none since the now-retired Napravnik in 2014.

"Even 20 years ago, there were more women trying," Crump said. "I am a little disappointed with what has happened. But if somebody loves riding and wants to do it they have that opportunity. There is nothing stopping them, that part I am happy with. Hopefully, it will change. In other equine sports, women do awesome. At Rolex, there are some great women riders doing amazing things. It is surprising to me that women haven't been more prevalent in the racing world. For some reason, it has been slow in evolving."

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Crump cont.

She had been planning on attending this year's Derby to celebrate the 50-year mark. Brown's family had invited her to come as their guest, and she had a book signing scheduled to promote her biography. She hopes to be able to attend in September as she is proud to be a part of the history of the race.

"I'll always be grateful," she said. "I'll always be grateful that I got to ride in the Kentucky Derby."

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SWISS SKYDIVER BEST IN FANTASY SLUGFEST *by Alan Carasso*

Swiss Skydiver puts away a valiant Venetian Harbor | *Coady*

Let go at an overlaid 16-1 exiting a front-running victory in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28, Peter Callahan's **Swiss Skydiver** (Daredevil) locked up with heavily favored **Venetian Harbor** (Munnings) in upper stretch and proved the superior stayer on the afternoon, reporting home a 2 1/2-length winner of Friday's GIII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Park. **Shedaresthedevil**, victorious in the GIII Honeybee S. earlier in the meet, completed a 1-3 finish for her expatriated sire while never a menace to the top two.

Venetian Harbor was exiting a towering 9 1/4-length success in the GII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Feb. 8 and was starting in the Fantasy as Plan C, following the cancellation/postponement of Keeneland's GI Ashland S. and GI Santa Anita Oaks. The 4-5 chalk was drawn well to take full advantage of her pedal-to-the-metal running style and she hit the ground running, racing freely through an opening quarter-mile in a testing :22.25, as Swiss Skydiver slid through at the rail to do the chasing from second. Sensing that perhaps his filly was going too hard on the engine, jockey Flavien Prat attempted to rein in Venetian Harbor, and while she settled some--the half-mile split was :45.43--that little breather allowed Brian Hernandez, Jr. astride Swiss Skydiver to roll up to press the pace just off the leader's flank entering the second turn. The two fillies had the race to themselves on the swing for home and to her credit, Venetian Harbor remained the boss entering the final furlong. But Swiss Skydiver nosed in front a sixteenth from home and edged clear.

A $35,000 Keeneland September yearling, Swiss Skydiver graduated by 5 1/2 furlongs at first asking over seven furlongs at Churchill Nov. 16 and returned on two weeks' rest to be second in a one-mile allowance over the same strip. A close fifth in the Jan. 18 Gasparilla S. at Tampa, the chestnut was a well-beaten third to Finite (Munnings) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 15 ahead of her breakthrough score in the GP Oaks in which she set a pace dramatically slower than the one she attended Friday.

Over the last two decades, owner Peter Callahan has campaigned GSWs Fistfite (Two Punch), Scotus (Successful Appeal) and SW & MGISP Beautician (Dehere) with Kenny McPeek.

Pedigree Notes:

Swiss Skydiver is a close relative to the stakes-placed Miss Hot Legs (Verrazano) and her dam was sold for $13,000 back in foal to Daredevil at Keeneland November in 2017. Expo Gold produced a colt by the sire in 2018 and a colt by Danzing Candy in 2019 after fetching $15,000 at the CTBA January Mixed Sale that winter. She was most recently bred back to Danzing Candy.

Friday, Oaklawn Park

FANTASY S.-GIII, $400,000, Oaklawn, 5-1, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42.00, ft.

1--**SWISS SKYDIVER, 121, f, 3, by Daredevil**
1st Dam: Expo Gold, by Johannesburg
2nd Dam: Clouds of Gold, by Strike the Gold
3rd Dam: Cloudy Colors, by Personal Flag
($35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Peter J. Callahan; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. $240,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $437,980. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Venetian Harbor**, 121, f, 3, Munnings--Sounds of the City, by Street Cry (Ire). ($110,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $205,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Ciaglia Racing LLC, Highland Yard LLC, River Oak Farm & Dominic Savides; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Richard Baltas. $80,000.

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Fantasy S. cont.

3--**Shedaresthedevil**, 121, f, 3, Daredevil--Starship Warpspeed, by Congrats. ($100,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $20,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $280,000 2yo '19 KEENOV). O-Flurry Racing Stables LLC, Qatar Racing Limited & Big Aut Farms; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $40,000.

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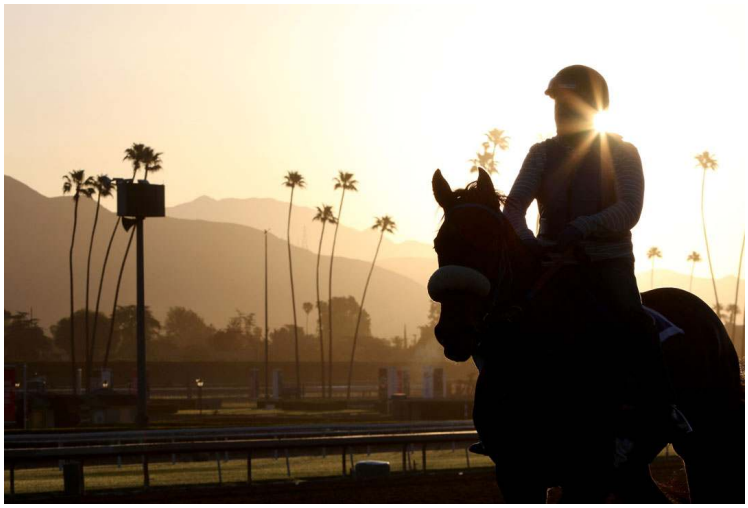
SANTA ANITA DERBY, OAKS SLATED FOR JUNE 6 AS TRACK RELEASES NEW STAKES SCHEDULE



Santa Anita | *Horsephotos*

by Bill Finley

Confident that racing will resume shortly at Santa Anita, the track's racing department has released a stakes schedule that covers May 16 through the end of the meet on June 21. There are several changes to the stakes program, including new dates for the GI Santa Anita Derby and GII Santa Anita Oaks, as well as reduced purses for many of the track's top races.

Santa Anita is hoping to begin racing again on May 15, but is still waiting approval to do so from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The track last raced on Mar. 22.

"The purse account is a delicate balancing act for every track," said Aidan Butler, the acting executive director of California operations for The Stronach Group, in reference to cuts to the stakes purses. "California is one of the few states forced to rely solely on parimutuel wagering to fund the account, without revenue from slots or other casino gaming as is prevalent in other jurisdictions. When the COVID-19 pandemic halted live racing at most of the tracks in the state, it necessitated a change to our stakes program to enable us to best support the entire program when racing continues. This is no different than is being done at other tracks throughout the country, including those whose purses are subsidized by other forms of gaming."

Twenty-nine stakes have been scheduled. There will be 16 graded stakes and four Grade I events. The new stakes season kicks off Saturday, May 16 with the $150,000 Echo Eddie S. and the $150,000 Evening Jewel S., two races for California-breds.

Several of the stakes have been lumped together for two "showcase" days of racing, May 25 and June 6. The May 25 card will include the GI Shoemaker Mile, the GI Gamely S. and the GII Monrovia S. The Shoemaker and Gamely purses have been reduced from $500,000 to $300,000. A race must have a purse of at least $300,000 to keep its Grade I status.

The June 6 card will be topped by the Santa Anita Derby, which was originally set to be run Apr. 4 with a purse of $1 million. The race will now be worth $400,000. The card that day will also include the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita and the Santa Anita Oaks. The Gold Cup purse has been cut from $500,000 to $300,000 and the Oaks purse has been reduced from $400,000 to $200,000. Seven stakes races are slated to be run June 6.

As it will come one month after the GI Arkansas Derby, the Santa Anita Derby is now well positioned to be the next step on the road to the GI Kentucky Derby on Sept. 5.

A total of 14 stakes races that were part of the original schedule for the meet will not be run.

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Swiss Skydiver *(Daredevil) outbattles heavily favored Venetian Harbor (Munnings) in the GIII Fantasy S..*

CONNECTIONS OF CHARLATAN TO DONATE PERCENTAGE OF EARNINGS TO NEW VOCATIONS

Charlatan | *Coady*

Connections of '**TDN Rising Star**' **Charlatan** (Speightstown), the morning-line favorite in the first division of Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, will donate 10% of their net earnings to support New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. The participating owners include SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Frederick Hertrich III, John D. Fielding and Golconda Stables.

"Along with our partners, we are delighted to be able to contribute additional funding to New Vocations, especially during these testing times," said Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock. "New Vocations provides essential support for our equine athletes as their racing careers come to an end, assuring them a secure and productive future. We consider this service fundamental to the viability and growth of the Thoroughbred industry, and we are proud to be active supporters of New Vocations' work. Our partnership is grateful that Charlatan has the opportunity to compete in the Arkansas Derby and we are proud to provide ongoing support to New Vocations."

Added Anna Ford, New Vocations Thoroughbred Program Director: "When I received the call from Tom expressing their desire to help and their commitment to pledge 10%, I found myself so emotional I had tears in my eyes. This has been a very stressful time, and we have great concerns about being able to fund our efforts as we navigate through these uncharted waters created by COVID-19. We know many people in the industry are also struggling during these challenging times. We are grateful and appreciative for any support we receive, which will help us keep our doors open to the many horses needing our services."

New Vocations encourages other owners to pledge a percentage of earnings from this weekend's races, or in the future. Specified donations to help New Vocations' general fund are also greatly encouraged. For more information, visit newvocations.org or contact Andrea Mandella at andrea@horseadoption.com.

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CROSS GATE CHARITY AUCTION THROUGH MAY 9

"Heading Home, Newmarket" by Peter Howell
Courtesy Cross Gate

Cross Gate Gallery of Lexington, KY is hosting an online Charity Challenge Auction which started Thursday, Apr. 30 and will end at 3:00 pm ET Saturday, May 9. The auction features 281 lots, with a mixture of early and contemporary American and British works, as well as some assorted prints, serigraphs, and engravings (many of which are signed). Among th featured artists are Alfred Munnings, Andre Pater, Valeriy Gridnev, Henry Faulkner and LeRoy Neiman. Cross Gate will donate 50% of the hammer price of each item to the 501(c)(3) charity of the buyer's choice. Those interested in viewing and registering to bid may do so here or by searching Cross Gate Gallery at www.liveauctioneers.com. To designate a charity, send your name and charity of choice to info@crossgategallery.com.

Cross Gate Charity Auction cont.

"In these challenging times, many charities have lost the opportunity to have their spring fundraisers and are facing uncertain futures," said Cross Gate owner Greg Ladd. "We are pleased to help support our community that has supported us for the last 46 years."

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HALLWAY FEEDS PRESENTS VIRTUAL INFLATABLE RACE

Hallway Feeds will premier "The Most Oddly Satisfying Two Minutes In Sports" Saturday, May 2, a race featuring 20 inflatable horses, each raising awareness and funds for COVID-19, the Team Kentucky Fund and R.E.I.N. Fund (Relief for Equine Industry Needs) on Facebook @HallwayFeeds. The 20 people racing in the inflatable costumes raised $10,000 for COVID-19 relief efforts as part of #KYDerbyAtHome.

"Our team at Hallway Feeds is dedicated to making the finest equine feed in the country," said Hallway Feeds's Anthony Koch. "We've fed 13 Kentucky Derby winners, and two Triple Crown winners, so it didn't feel right to be sitting at home on Derby Day, not cheering on 20 of the world's greatest equine athletes running in the Most Exciting Two Minutes In Sports--the Kentucky Derby."

The event will be hosted by former Miss Kentucky Maria Montgomery and race caller Kurt Becker.

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Would Bob Baffert leave California racing? Not likely

It sounds to me like Baffert is going to take a page out of British singer and songwriter Dido's 2003 hit song "White Flag" and stick it out. He's going to go down with the ship. He's not going to put his hands up in surrender. You won't find any white flags above his barn door. Not if he can help it. **Art Wilson, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune***

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HABAYA, 14, Storm Cat--Golden Apples (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)
Foal born Apr. 11, a colt by Street Sense.
Will be bred back to Qurbaan.
Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, KY.
Accomplishments: GSW, $135,000.

CAMBODIA, 8, War Front--Sassification, by Smart Strike
Foal born Apr. 13, a colt by Medaglia d'Oro
Will be bred back to Quality Road.
Owned by Don Robinson and Allen Schubert.
Boarded at Winter Quarter.
Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, $858,913.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

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Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:29 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, $500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Charlatan	Speightstown	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. and Golconda Stables	Baffert	Garcia	Even
2	My Friends Beer	Stay Thirsty	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	O'Dwyer	Cannon	20-1
3	Mo Mosa	Uncle Mo	Martin, Perry and Martin, Denise	Maker	Carmouche	30-1
4	Gouverneur Morris	Constitution	Team Valor International and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	9-2
5	Jungle Runner	Candy Ride (Arg)	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Baze	30-1
~~6~~	~~Shooters Shoot~~	~~Competitive Edge~~	~~ERJ Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC and Hudock, Dan~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~
~~7~~	~~Wrecking Crew~~	~~Sky Kingdom~~	~~Rockingham Ranch~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~
8	Anneau d'Or	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	6-1
9	Winning Impression	Paynter	West Point Thoroughbreds and Pearl Racing	Stewart	Leparoux	15-1
10	Crypto Cash	Majesticperfection	Lewis, Tommie M. and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Lanerie	20-1
11	Basin	Liam's Map	Jackpot Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	8-1

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Best A Luck Farm LLC, 3-Perry Martin & Denise Martin, 4-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden,Craig Brogden & James F. Miller, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Nancy C. Shuford, 7-Westrock Stables, 8-Highland Yard LLC, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-D.J. Stables, 11-Cottonwood Stables, LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:43 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, $500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Garcia	15-1
~~2~~	~~Saratogian~~	~~Empire Maker~~	~~SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. and Golconda Stables~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~
3	Storm the Court	Court Vision	David A Bernsen LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, Hudock, Dan and Wilson, Susanna	Eurton	Prat	6-1
4	King Guillermo	Uncle Mo	Victoria Martinez	Avila	Camacho	3-1
5	Nadal	Blame	Bolton, George, Hoyeau, Arthur, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Rosario	5-2
6	Code Runner	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Elliott	50-1
7	Silver Prospector	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	10-1
~~8~~	~~Fast Enough~~	~~Eddington~~	~~Rockingham Ranch and Martin, Craig~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~	~~Scr~~
9	Taishan	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey	Baltas	Cohen	15-1
10	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables LLC and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Castellano	12-1
11	Wells Bayou	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables LLC and Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	7-2

Breeders: 1-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Stepping Stone Farm, 4-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd. &Marengo Investments, 5-Sierra Farm, 6-Baumann Stables, Edward Bradley & Dr.Aaron Sones, 7-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton &Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 8-Craig Martin, 9-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 10-Chrysalis Stables, 11-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc.

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:04 p.m. EDT

OAKLAWN H.-GII, $600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	30-1
	Trophy Chaser	Twirling Candy	Juan Carlos Avila	Avila	Camacho	12-1
3	Bravazo	Awesome Again	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Mena	30-1
4	Mr Freeze	To Honor and Serve	Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald	Romans	Talamo	6-1
5	Identifier	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Elliott	20-1
6	Warrior's Charge	Munnings	Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	8-1
7	Combatant	Scat Daddy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	4-1
8	Sky Promise	Sky Mesa	Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, R 6 Stable and Tremblay, Norman	Diodoro	Mojica	20-1
9	Tacitus	Tapit	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Velazquez	9-2
10	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	20-1
11	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Lynch, Hugh and Corms Racing Stable	Gargan	Carmouche	15-1
12	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	9-2
13	Night Ops	Warrior's Reward	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Castellano	15-1
14	Improbable	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Baffert	Garcia	8-1

Breeders: 1-Morgan's Ford Farm, 2-Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Siena Farms LLC, 5-Heinz J. Steinmann, 6-Al Shaquab Racing, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Normandy Farm LLC, 9-Juddmonte Farms Inc., 10-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 11-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 12-Don Ladd, 13-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings, LLC, 14-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

2020 Leading Sires of 3YOs

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Apr. 30

Earnings and Black-type represents Worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2020

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Into Mischief**	6	10	2	4	--	--	70	19	300,000	1,741,864
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9			*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $175,000*						*Authentic*	
2	**Uncle Mo**	4	6	4	5	--	--	47	19	377,400	1,609,542
	(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6			*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $125,000*						*Modernist*	
3	**Constitution**	2	5	1	3	1	1	42	12	598,300	1,240,380
	(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2			*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $40,000*						*Tiz the Law*	
4	**Munnings**	4	6	3	4	--	--	41	11	291,600	1,202,306
	(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7			*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $30,000*						*Bonny South*	
5	**I'll Have Another**	--	--	--	--	--	--	56	13	222,435	1,029,027
	(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5			*Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: $6,000*						*Utamaro (Jpn)*	
6	**Blame**	1	2	1	2	--	--	19	4	753,000	1,009,828
	(2006) by Arch Crops: 7			*Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: $35,000*						*Nadal*	
7	**Speightstown**	--	1	--	--	--	--	26	6	506,328	952,893
	(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13			*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $70,000*						*Full Flat*	
8	**Lookin At Lucky**	1	2	1	2	--	--	15	4	801,600	949,253
	(2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 7			*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $20,000*						*Wells Bayou*	
9	**Tonalist**	1	2	1	2	--	--	34	9	213,110	757,623
	(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2			*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $15,000*						*Tonalist's Shape*	
10	**Tapit**	1	5	1	4	--	--	33	8	220,000	720,873
	(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13			*Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $200,000*						*Enforceable*	
11	**Tapiture**	2	4	--	--	--	--	50	19	90,000	700,317
	(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2			*Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: $7,500*						*Steph'sfullasugar*	
12	**Carpe Diem**	--	3	--	1	--	--	47	12	66,245	680,592
	(2012) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 2			*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $15,000*						*Train Beare*	
13	**Curlin**	--	3	--	3	--	--	43	13	105,000	669,865
	(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9			*Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $175,000*						*Fire Coral*	
14	**Khozan**	1	3	--	2	--	--	39	13	109,000	668,039
	(2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 2			*Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: $8,500*						*Liam's Lucky Charm*	
15	**Liam's Map**	--	1	--	1	--	--	39	15	110,000	667,575
	(2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2			*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $35,000*						*Basin*	

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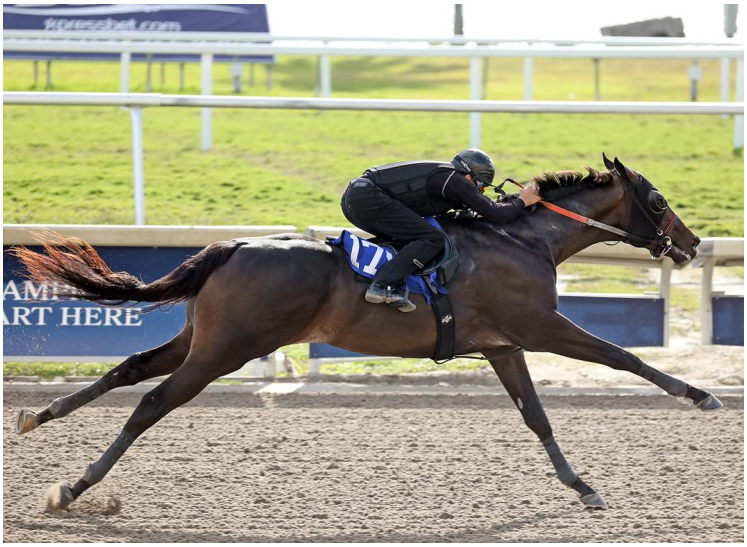


Hero d'Oro breezing in :10 1/5 at the '19 F-T Gulfstream Sale
Fasig-Tipton

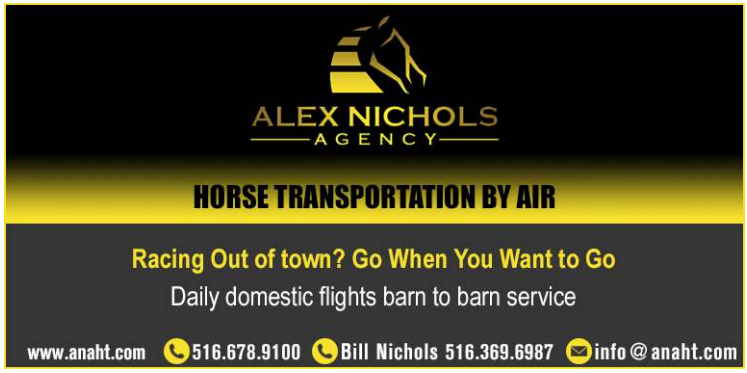
by Christina Bossinakis

1st-GP, $45K, Msw, 3yo, 8fT, 12:45 p.m. ET

HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud's **HERO D'ORO (Medaglia d'Oro)** gets a chance at redemption while trying the turf for the first time. A disinterested 10th in his career debut on the main track here Feb. 29, the $1.2-million Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream graduate gets the services of Irad Ortiz, Jr. for this return. Out of After Thought (Fusaichi Pegasus), the colt is a half-brother to a pair of stakes winners on the turf--Annulment and Youngest Daughter. This is the family of Grade I-winning turf mare Centre Court (Smart Strike). **TJCIS PPs**

2nd-OP, $60K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:32 p.m. ET

Phoenix Thoroughbred III Ltd's **SCOLDING (Carpe Diem)**, a $475,000 juvenile at OBS last April, was the top-priced filly and the second-highest priced offspring overall by the WinStar stallion in 2019.



Trained by Steve Asmussen, the chestnut breezed a sharp four furlongs in :47.40 at the Hot Springs oval Apr. 24. Ricardo Santana, Jr. gets the call. Dallas Stewart unveils homebred **TAKE CHARGE GLENDA (Tapit)** for Willis Horton Racing. The chestnut is a granddaughter of $3.2 million KEESEP yearling Charming (Seeking the Gold), who is also responsible for champion juvenile filly Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) and MGISW Omaha Beach (War Front). Out of the bluehen Grade-I winning mare Take Charge Lady (Dehere), Charming is a half-sister to champion 3-year-old colt Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) and Grade I-winner Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy). **TJCIS PPs**

7th-OP, $61K, Alw, Opt. Clm. ($100K), 3yo, f, 8.5f, 4:16 p.m. ET

GAMINE (Into Mischief) was heavily backed at 1-9 in her career debut at Santa Anita Mar. 7 and did not disappoint, rolling home a 6 1/4-length winner and becoming a **TDN Rising Star** in the process. Secured for a sale topping $1.8-million by Michael Lund Petersen at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale, she previously brought a $220,000 final bid from Brad Grady's Grand Oaks at Keeneland September. Out of SP Peggy Jane (Kafwain), she hails from the family of Canadian champion Dynamic Sky (Sky Mesa). John and Iveta Kerber and Jon Lapczenski's **AIN'T NO ELMERS (Goldencents)** draws in off the also-eligible list in her first start since a TDN Rising Star-earning nine-length romp sprinting six panels at the Fair Grounds Mar. 18. In her career debut for Bret Calhoun, she went wire-to-wire over that track and trip Feb. 15. The winner's dam is responsible for the 2-year-old colt Mr. Wireless (Dialed In) and a yearling filly by the same sire. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT

HONEY RYDER S., $75,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Envoutante	Uncle Mo	Davis	McPeek	8-5
2	Highland Glory	Sky Mesa	Saez	Tagg	9-2
3	Mimina's Team	Uncle Mo	Zayas	D'Angelo	6-1
4	Micheline	Bernardini	Bravo	Stidham	15-1
5	Onyx	Dialed In	Vasquez	Alvarado	20-1
6	Stunning Sky	Declaration of War	Gaffalione	Maker	15-1
7	La Rusia	Hampton Court (Aus)	Berrios	Sanchez	30-1
8	Diamonds Are A	Street Sense	Juarez	Colebrook	30-1
9	Astoria Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Jaramillo	Gargan	12-1
10	Ivyetsu	Tapit	Landeros	Arnold II	12-1
11	Bajan Girl	Speightstown	Lopez	Crichton	15-1
12	Seducer	Cairo Prince	Ortiz Jr.	Clement	6-1
AE					
13	Ginger Kitty	Red Rocks (Ire)	Torres	Pugh	20-1
MTO					
14	Dream Marie	Graydar	R. Maragh	Williams	6-1
15	Pleasant Orb	Orb	Saez	Tagg	8-1

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:57 p.m. EDT

ENGLISH CHANNEL S., $75,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Express Pharoah	American Pharoah	Reyes	Delgado	20-1
2	Justinthenickoftime	Justin Phillip	Jaramillo	Maker	20-1
3	Doc Boy	Into Mischief	Bravo	Stdiham	12-1
4	Gufo	Declaration of War	I Ortiz Jr.	Clement	3-1
5	Buy Me Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Landeros	Correas IV	20-1
6	Summer to Remember	Summer Front	Saez	Pletcher	9-2
7	South Bend	Algorithms	Vasquez	Hough	4-1
8	Proven Strategies	Sky Mesa	Davis	Casse	6-1
9	Don Juan Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Gaffalione	Gargan	15-1
10	Island Commish	Commissioner	Lopez	Joseph Jr.	8-1
11	Fame to Famous	Tapit	Gonzalez	Mc Allen	30-1
12	Ever Dangerous	Kitten's Joy	Zayas	Weaver	10-1
MTO					
13	Extraordinary	Speightstown	Saez	Brisset	5-2

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ARKANSAS BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP S., $165,000, Oaklawn, 5-1, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.25, ft.

1--**MAN IN THE CAN, 118, c, 3, Can the Man--Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR); T-Ron Moquett; J-Joel Rosario. $99,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $178,893.

2--**K J's Nobility**, 124, g, 6, Primary Suspect--K J's Girl, by Big Pistol. O-Carson McCord; B-Hobego Racing (AR); T-Cecil P. Borel. $33,000.

3--**Prospector Fever**, 116, g, 6, Pomatini--Jessie'sgotafever, by Gold Fever. O-Brian Goodman; B-Richard V Halter (AR); T-Sarah Nicole Davidson. $16,500.

Margins: NK, 3HF, 1. Odds: 4.90, 0.80, 50.50.

Also Ran: Bandit Point, Hamazing Vision, Souixper Charger, Promising Shoes, J. E.'s Handmedown, Glacken's Ghost, Heritage Park, Destiny Way.

Man in the Can | *Coady*

Man in the Can, a debut winner over open company at Remington Park in December, captured Oaklawn's six-furlong Rainbow S. versus fellow Arkansas-breds Apr. 17. Returning on short notice in this first attempt around two turns against his elders, the bay broke well from his outside draw and forced the early issue from second. Man in the Can gained command as they straightened and dug down gamely in the stretch to fend off the favorite. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old filly This Girl Does (Laurie's Rocket) and a yearling filly by Tom's Ready. She was bred to Freud for 2020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

GARDENIA S., $80,000, Oaklawn, 5-1, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:43.28, ft.

1--**PIECE OF MY HEART, 119, f, 3, by Flat Out**
1st Dam: Intheriver, by Sunriver
2nd Dam: Starinthemeadow, by Meadowlake
3rd Dam: Lite a Star, by Our Michael
($35,000 Ylg '18 OBSWIN; $7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.; B-Hidden Point Farm Inc. (FL); T-McLean Robertson; J-Joseph Talamo. $48,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, $135,750.

2--**Comical**, 122, f, 3, Into Mischief--Kayce Ace, by Tiznow. ($100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $575,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTKNOV). O-WinStar Farm LLC, Lindy Farms and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Susan Casner (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $16,000.

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3--**Antoinette**, 122, f, 3, Hard Spun--Shuruq, by Elusive Quality. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott. $8,000.

Margins: 1HF, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 8.60, 6.70, 2.00.

Also Ran: Daphne Moon, Gingham, Strong Flag, Turnstone, His Glory, Shanghai Keely. Scratched: Black Kat Taps, Ice Princess, Kiss the Girl, Punk Rock Princess, Quick Decision.

Piece of My Heart took the field wire-to-wire in the Gardenia to earn her black-type badge. Seizing the early advantage, the chestnut was pressed through a :23.02 opening quarter and a half in :46.03. Showing the way into the lane, she incurred a few mild challenges, but no serious threats. Piece of My Heart cruised clear while floating out a few paths in the final sixteenth for a decisive first stakes victory.

The sophomore broke her maiden at fifth asking in a sloppy off-the-turfer at Fair Grounds Feb. 20 for trainer Hugh Robertson and was then transferred to McLean Robertson. Fourth over this track and trip Mar. 12, she won going a mile here Apr. 10.

Piece of My Heart is the eighth stakes winner by Flat Out. Her unraced dam Intheriver, a full-sister to MGSW Weemissfrankie, produced a full-sister to the winner named Blackgammon in 2018 and a colt by Warrior's Reward in 2019. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Flat Out's Piece of My Heart keeps finding in the Gardenia | *Coady*

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MAIDENS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
6th-Oaklawn, $60,000, Msw, 5-1, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.99, ft.
HIGH PROOF (g, 3, Bourbon Courage--Lulu Quatorze, by Louis Quatorze) reported home a distant fifth at 37-1 behind

High Proof | *Coady*

subsequent Sugar Bowl S. and Smarty Jones S. winner Gold Street (Street Boss) in his debut over the Churchill slop back on Nov. 23. Making his first start since here, the 36-1 shot was hounded on the lead through an opening quarter of :22.03 and was under a ride on the far turn as three of them lined up approaching the quarter pole. High Proof kept on finding from along the inside down the lane, however, and outgamed Super Constitution (Constitution) home by a half length. Lulu Quatorze had a colt by He's Had Enough last year and was bred back to that stallion for the 2020 season. Sales history: $60,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $37,941. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Aaron Kennedy; B-Martha Mallicote (FL); T-Doug L. Anderson.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAY 2

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/38 winners/6 black-type winners
11-Gulfstream, $75K English Channel S., 1 1/16mT, EXPRESS PHAROAH, 20-1
$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, J Z MY MAN, 5-1
$575,000 KEE NOV wnl; $800,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; $410,000 FTF MAR 2yo
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, MAINE, 20-1
$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; $475,000 OBS APR 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
157 foals of racing age/37 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, PRODIGIOUS BAY, 5-1
$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $110,000 EAS MAY 2yo
6-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/8m, WILD UNION, 6-1
$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; $225,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000
93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Oaklawn, Alw 1 1/16m, FORTHELUVOFBOURBON, 8-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $15,000
231 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, SCOLDING, 7-2
$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; $475,000 OBS APR 2yo

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, $7,500
163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
11-Gulfstream, $75K English Channel S., 1 1/16mT, ISLAND COMMISH, 8-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $32,000 KEE SEP yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $40,000
233 foals of racing age/41 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, COMPELLING SMILE, 30-1
$22,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, CONSTITUTIONAL PAL, 12-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl
11-Oaklawn, $500K GI Arkansas Derby, 1 1/8m, GOUVERNEUR MORRIS, 9-2
$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; $600,000 FTF MAR 2yo

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3-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16m, SUPERFECTO, 8-1

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, GAMBLER ROCKET, 8-1
$55,000 FTK JUL yrl; $210,000 OBS APR 2yo

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm
46 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, $75K Honey Ryder S., 1 1/16mT, LA RUSIA, 30-1
$3,500 KEE SEP yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, $30,000
213 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
13-Oaklawn, $500K GI Arkansas Derby, 1 1/8m, CODE RUNNER, 50-1
$375,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, ROADRUNNER'S HONOR, 20-1
$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 OBS MAR 2yo
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, SLEW TANG CLAN, 20-1
$28,000 KEE SEP yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
130 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, KADESH, 5-1
$35,000 KEE JAN wnl; $25,000 FTK OCT yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, $8,500
130 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, BACKGROUND, 15-1

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, $35,000
232 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
11-Oaklawn, $500K GI Arkansas Derby, 1 1/8m, BASIN, 8-1
$150,000 KEE SEP yrl
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, RUSHIE, 5-2
$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
79 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, SPEECH, 2-1
$65,000 OBS WIN wnl; $95,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $190,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
153 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, SPURWINK LANE, 20-1
$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; $25,000 KEE SEP yrl

4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, TOUSSAINT, 20-1

Secret Circle (Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds, private
62 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, ILLUMINATI, 20-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, $5,000
79 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
11-Oaklawn, $500K GI Arkansas Derby, 1 1/8m, WRECKING CREW, 20-1
$18,000 KEE NOV wnl; $115,000 FTK JUL yrl; $875,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
181 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, IM JUSTA BACHELOR, 10-1
$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; $4,000 KEE SEP yrl
11-Gulfstream, $75K English Channel S., 1 1/16mT, SUMMER TO REMEMBER, 9-2
$200,000 KEE NOV wnl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
246 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, BLACK KAT TAPS, 20-1
$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; $65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/8m, TONALTALITARIAN, 12-1
$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, WIND RIDGE, 12-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
232 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Oaklawn, Aoc 1 1/16m, VILLAINOUS, 15-1
$100,000 FTK JUL yrl

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10th-Oaklawn, $62,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.46, ft.
SPEND SPEND SPEND (m, 5, Majestic Warrior--Holiday Shopping, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, $152,900. O-Bederian, Harry, Kamberian, Harout, Nakkashian, Hagop & Baltas, Richard; B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY); T-Richard Baltas. *$120,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; $225,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

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3rd-Oaklawn, $61,000, (S), 5-1, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.43, ft.
TIDDLY (m, 5, Primary Suspect--Pass That Bottle, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, $108,145. O-Ernie Witt & Robert L. Tucker; B-Denver Thornton (AR); T-Ernie Witt II.

10th-Gulfstream, $41,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 5-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.69, ft.
OVER GATORS (f, 4, Overdriven--Go Gators, by Southern Image) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $49,000. O/B-Kenneth Vespo (FL); T-Robert G. Smith.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,000, 5-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:41.64, ft.
AGI'S CAIT (f, 4, Tale of the Cat--Let It Go Lady, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-1, $82,054. O-Mellon Patch, Inc.; B-Indian Creek & JRH Investments LLC (KY); T-Michael B. Campbell. *$75,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $250,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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Key Biscayne, f, 3, **Brethren**--Boa Twelve, by Lemon Drop Kid. Gulfstream, 5-1, (S), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.35. B-Arindel (FL).

ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE

BOURBON COURAGE, High Proof, g, 3, o/o Lulu Quatorze, by Louis Quatorze. MSW, 5-1, Oaklawn
BRETHREN, Key Biscayne, f, 3, o/o Boa Twelve, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 5-1, Gulfstream
CAN THE MAN, Man in the Can, c, 3, o/o Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken. Arkansas Breeders' Championship S., 5-1, Oaklawn
DAREDEVIL, Swiss Skydiver, f, 3, o/o Expo Gold, by Johannesburg. GIII Fantasy S., 5-1, Oaklawn
FLAT OUT, Piece of My Heart, f, 3, o/o Intheriver, by Sunriver. Gardenia S., 5-1, Oaklawn
MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Spend Spend Spend, m, 5, o/o Holiday Shopping, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 5-1, Oaklawn
OVERDRIVEN, Over Gators, f, 4, o/o Go Gators, by Southern Image. AOC, 5-1, Gulfstream
PRIMARY SUSPECT, Tiddly, m, 5, o/o Pass That Bottle, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 5-1, Oaklawn
TALE OF THE CAT, Agi's Cait, f, 4, o/o Let It Go Lady, by Cherokee Run. ALW, 5-1, Tampa Bay

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

May 3, 2001...Garden State Park conducted its last day of racing. Peg Rushton and jockey Nick Santagata became footnotes in history when they captured the final race held at the Cherry Hill, New Jersey, racetrack.

May 4, 1996...Trainer D. Wayne Lukas saddled his record sixth consecutive Triple Crown winner when he won the Kentucky Derby with Grindstone.

May 5, 2006...Lemons Forever posted the largest upset in the history of the GI Kentucky Oaks when she scored at 47-1.

May 6, 1971...Calder Racecourse opens for the first time.

May 7, 2003...Najran equaled Dr. Fager's world record for one mile on dirt when he won the GIII Westchester S. at Belmont by 4 1/2 lengths in 1:32.24.

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GUINEAS WEEKEND MARKS JUDDMONTE MILESTONE

Known Fact (rail) crosses the wire second in the 1980 2000 Guineas, but is promoted to first with Nureyev's disqualification | *Getty Images*

By John Berry

In Part I of a two-part series on the 40th anniversary weekend of Known Fact's 2000 Guineas win, John Berry takes us through the first decade of Prince Khalid Abdullah's racing and breeding dynasty.

Under normal circumstances, the European Classic year would be springing into life this weekend with Newmarket staging the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 1000 Guineas. Forty years ago the Guineas meeting looked a particularly special one, the main trials having set the stage perfectly. Subsequent Irish Derby hero Tyrnavos (GB) (Blakeney {GB}) had beaten Chesham S. winner Star Way (GB) (Star Appeal {Ire}) in the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket. Final Straw (Ire) (Habitat) had led home the Dewhurst winner Monteverdi (Lyphard) in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury with Posse (Forli {Arg}) third and the Middle Park winner Known Fact (In Reality) fourth. In France, the unbeaten (and unextended) blue-blood Nureyev (Northern Dancer) had strolled home in the G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte. The scene was set for a vintage 2000 Guineas.

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CLASSICS PRIORITISED IN REVISED PATTERN PROGRAMME

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has issued an update from the Flat Pattern Committee which outlines a revised schedule of pattern and listed races for the end of May and early June.

With the aim to "prioritise the Classics and other flagship races for horses most likely to provide a future fundamental role on behalf of the breed," the committee, working under a "best-case scenario" for a mid-May resumption of racing in Britain, is planning to rescue a number of abandoned races from the early part of the season. These include the G1 Lockinge S., originally schedule for May 16 but now likely to be run a fortnight later. Newmarket's and Newbury's Classic trials, the Craven S., Nell Gwyn S., Greenham S. and Fred Darling S., will be run on the same weekend but on different days. The Fred Darling is set to be run at a mile this year instead of seven furlongs and the G3 Palace House S. will be extended in distance to 5 1/2 furlongs.

See page seven for the BHA's provisional black-type plan.

The Lockinge S. is set to be run a fortnight late | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

DIFFERENT DERBY, SAME POSITION FOR BAFFERT

Trainer Bob Baffert holds a hot hand in both divisions of Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby with Charlatan (Speightstown) and Nadal (Blame). **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

Guineas Weekend Marks Juddmonte Milestone cont. from p1

The 1980 2000 Guineas did indeed go down in the history books as a special one, primarily for featuring a rare case of a Classic winner being disqualified. Britain's interference rules were far less permissive in 1980 than they are now, and Nureyev's disqualification was a formality after he nearly brought Posse down approaching the Bushes when his jockey Phillipe Paquet decided unnecessarily to barge his way out of a pocket. (This manoeuvre, incidentally, cannot be seen on the BBC film of the race as the camera angle changed at the crucial moment, but it was all too clear in the evidence provided by the stewards' patrol-camera footage). With Nureyev disqualified and placed last, Known Fact became a fortunate winner after passing the post in second place.

Posse, winner later in the season of the G2 St. James's Palace S. and the G1 Sussex S., was promoted to second and the Vincent O'Brien-trained Night Alert (Nijinsky) moved up to third. The latter had beaten Posse in the Houghton S. at Newmarket the previous autumn, with subsequent G1 Oaks heroine Bireme (GB) (Grundy {GB}) third.

Known Fact may have been a fortunate Classic winner, but he went on to confirm himself a top-class 3-year-old with victories later in the season in the G2 Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood, the G3 Park S. at Doncaster and, memorably, the G2 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot, in which he became one of only two horses to lower the colours of the mighty Kris (GB) (Sharpen Up).

In the subsequent 40 years, however, that 2000 Guineas has become ever more notable for another reason: we now know it as the start of Juddmonte's story of Classic success.

Known Fact represented a trainer/jockey combination made up of two seasoned Classic stars. His trainer Jeremy Tree had saddled Only For Life (GB) (Chanteur {Fr}) to win the 2000 Guineas 17 years previously, while Willie Carson had ridden High Top (GB) (Derring-Do {GB}) to victory in the race in 1972 before becoming a regular Classic winner following his appointment as stable jockey to Major Dick Hern in 1977.

Khalid Abdullah and longtime trainer Sir Henry Cecil | *Racing Post*

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WIDDEN STUD REDUCES FEES TO ASSIST BREEDERS

Widden Stud reduces its 2020 stud fees, including the operation's marquee stallion, Zoustar. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

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Known Fact's owner, though, was a much less familiar figure: 'Mr. K. Abdullah' had owned his first winner less than 12 months previously. This race, though, threw him into the spotlight when he became the first Arab owner to win a British Classic. Forty years on, we now recognise him as one of the most successful and most respected owner/breeders the sport has ever seen.

Prince Khalid Abdullah had enjoyed the thrill of his first winner only the previous May when Charming Native (Princely Native) won a maiden race at Windsor. Not that we knew him as Prince Khalid Abdullah at the time. The innate diffidence and characteristic modesty of the Saudi prince had first come to light the previous year when he had sent horses to Jeremy Tree's Beckhampton stable in Wiltshire and applied to register as an owner. Eschewing the option of a justifiably grander title, he had indicated on the registration form that 'Mr. K. Abdullah' was the name under which he would like his horses to run.

Jeremy Tree | *Getty Images*

When Prince Khalid Abdullah had decided to race horses, he had asked the former Newmarket trainer Humphrey Cottrill, who had retired a few years previously, to act as his advisor. Cottrill was already in his 70s by this time and James Delahooke was recruited to help select the horses and subsequently to oversee the operation. These proved to have been inspired appointments: the acorns which Cottrill and Delahooke planted on the Prince's behalf immediately began to grow into the forest of mighty oaks which Juddmonte has become.

The Prince started 1979 with his string in Tree's stable including a bunch of 2-year-olds which Cottrill and Delahooke had bought on his behalf the previous autumn, plus the unraced 3-year-old filly Alia (Ire) (Sun Prince {Ire}).

Guineas Weekend Marks Juddmonte Milestone cont.

The emphasis on quality which has become the Juddmonte hallmark was evident from the start. The team included the two most expensive yearlings from the previous autumn's Tattersalls' Houghton Sale in Newmarket: Sand Hawk (GB) (Grundy {GB}), who had set a new record price at 264,000gns, and Enchantment (GB) (Habitat), who had cost 186,000gns. Neither turned out to be particular stars (although they both won as 3-year-olds) but the yearlings recruited from America more than made up for that.

Charming Native was a smart colt, even if bred to be even smarter: a $43,000 purchase, he was a half-brother to My Charmer (Poker), who had already bred 1977 U.S. Triple Crown hero Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning) and would subsequently breed 1983 2000 Guineas winner Lomond (Northern Dancer). Known Fact was more expensive, but proved a real bargain at $225,000. He too was well bred. His dam Tamerett (Tim Tam) was a half-sister to Sharpen Up's sire Atan and was already the producer of two high-class colts by In Reality's sire Intentionally: 1970 Tremont S. winner Tamtent and Tentam, a Grade I winner who had broken the world record for nine furlongs on turf when winning the Bernard Baruch H. at Saratoga in 1973. Known Fact outran even that lineage with his top-class form at both two and three. He then became his owner's foundation stallion, firstly for Juddmonte's British operation at Juddmonte Farm near Wargrave-upon-Thames in Berkshire and then, in 1987, for its American division in Kentucky, where the Prince had bought Belair Farm (now Juddmonte Farm) just south of Lexington in 1982.

Last year's St Leger winner Logician is the sixth generation of his family in Juddmonte ownership | *Racing Post*

Known Fact was not the sole star of that squad of juveniles in 1979. Abeer (Dewan), a $50,000 yearling, won a maiden race at Salisbury, the G3 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot and the G2 Flying Childers S. (which had been a Group 1 race up until that year) at Doncaster. With arguably the best sprinting 2-year-old colt and the best sprinting 2-year-old filly carrying his silks, it was a sensational season for the rookie owner. Furthermore, Alia won five races, starting with a maiden race at Windsor and ending with the G3 Princess Royal S. at Ascot. She had the makings of a lovely foundation mare for her owner's stud and Abeer (who became an excellent matron, breeding 10 winners) would follow her to the paddocks at Wargrave a year later.

It is noticeable that many of the best horses which Prince Khalid Abdullah is breeding and racing nowadays descend from the initial batches of fillies and mares which he bought in those early years. Last year's G1 St Leger hero Logician (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is a classic example: he is the sixth generation of his family in Juddmonte ownership, his fifth dam Monroe (a regally-bred filly by Sir Ivor out of Best In Show) having been bought from Robert Sangster to be one of the operation's foundation mares. She had been a very smart filly when trained by Vincent O'Brien, winning the G3 Ballyogan S. over five furlongs at Leopardstown as a 3-year-old in 1980. Monroe now ranks as ancestress of numerous Juddmonte stars including Xaar (GB) (Zafonic), Bated Breath (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk}) and Close Hatches (First Defence).

Another young mare whom Juddmonte bought at the time from Robert Sangster was Sookera (Sir Ivor), who had won the G1 Cheveley Park S. in 1977 when trained by Dermot Weld. She too has repaid her purchase price many times over thanks to the achievements of numerous descendants including the remarkable Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), dam not only of five individual homebred Group/Grade I winners but also, equally remarkably, of three stallions, the Danehill full-brothers Dansili (GB), Cacique (Ire) and Champs Elysees (GB), who at one time all stood on the Juddmonte roster at Banstead Manor simultaneously.

Both of Juddmonte's most recent superstars also trace back to this period. The Jeremy Tree-trained Rockfest (Stage Door Johnny), runner-up in the Lingfield Oaks Trial in 1982, was bought from Tree's longstanding American patron 'Jock' Whitney. For the Prince, she bred the Henry Cecil-trained 1993 G3 Lancashire Oaks victrix Rainbow Lake (Rainbow Quest) who is now best known as the grand-dam of Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). A handful of mares were included in the deal when the Prince bought Belair Farm. One of them was Fleet Girl (Ire) (Habitat) who was returned to Europe where she bred 1987 Oaks place-getter Bourbon Girl (GB) (Ile De Bourbon) who now ranks as third dam of Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

Guineas Weekend Marks Juddmonte Milestone cont.

While the seeds of Juddmonte's breeding operation were sown very early on, the Prince was obviously still relying on yearling purchases through the first half of the '80s. His advisors continued to do him proud, unearthing a string of high-class horses. The batch of yearlings bought in 1979 included Bel Bolide (Bold Bidder), a $310,000 yearling who, trained by Jeremy Tree, won the Gimcrack S. at York as a 2-year-old in 1980 as well as being placed in the G3 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, the G3 Richmond S. at Glorious Goodwood and the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket. The following year he finished third to To-Agori-Mou (Ire) (Tudor Music {GB}) in the G1 2000 Guineas.

Leading sire Dansili. He at one time stood alongside full brothers Cacique and Champs Elysees at Banstead Manor Stud | *Racing Post*

As Prince Khalid Abdullah's string grew, he naturally began to send a few horses to other trainers. The veteran Classic-winning Yorkshire-based Bill Elsey received some, as did Ron Smyth in Epsom and the multiple Classic-winning jockey Frankie Durr, who had recently retired from the saddle to start training in Fitzroy House in Newmarket. Another to join the roster was Barry Hills, who came on board in 1982. Early in the spring, Hills saddled Slightly Dangerous (Roberto) to win the G3 Fred Darling S. at Newbury for her breeder Alan Clore, who subsequently accepted an offer from the Prince for the filly, who was being set for the 1000 Guineas and the Oaks. Slightly Dangerous naturally remained under Hills's care and went on to finish fifth at Newmarket and runner-up at Epsom. At the end of the year she joined the Juddmonte broodmare band, visiting the 1975 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Star Appeal (Ire) in her first season. She subsequently became one of the best broodmares the Prince has ever owned.

The Prince's association with Barry Hills was further cemented shortly afterwards. Hills had trained Mofida (GB) (Right Tack {GB}), a terrific sprinter (whom he had bought for 4,000gns as a yearling) who was sold to his great friend Robert Sangster at the end of her racing career in 1978. Three years later, the Prince bought Mofida from Sangster, in foal to Sangster's 1977 Derby winner The Minstrel. Naturally, he asked Hills to train the resultant foal, named Zaizafon, when she was ready to go into training in the autumn of 1983. Like Slightly Dangerous, Zaizafon did very well on the racecourse and then even better at stud, most obviously by producing the top-class Gone West full-brothers Zafonic and Zamindar.

Barry Hills | *Racing Post*

The most notable appointment to the roster of trainers, though, was Sussex-based Guy Harwood, who at the time was enjoying a phenomenal run of success, largely with yearlings bought (often very inexpensively) on the advice of James Delahooke, including Ela-Mana-Mou (GB) (Pitcairn {GB}) and To-Agori-Mou. Those two horses, both originally raced by London-based restauranteurs Max and Andry Muinos, were champions, but before long Harwood would enjoy even more plentiful top-level success thanks to the Prince's patronage. Delahooke's raid on the American yearling sales in 1982 was particularly fruitful, yielding three Group 1 winners for the Prince. Alphabatim (Verbatim) turned out to have been extremely well bought for the $23,000 which he cost at Keeneland's secondary yearling sale in September. Trained by Guy Harwood, he won the G1 William Hill Futurity in England as a 2-year-old before heading to California where, trained by John Gosden, he won the G1 Hollywood Turf Cup in both 1984 and '86.

Guineas Weekend Marks Juddmonte Milestone cont.

Rousillon (Riverman) cost $100,000 at Fasig-Tipton before, also trained by Harwood, showing high-class form at three and developing into a champion at four, when he won the G2 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, the G1 Sussex S. at Glorious Goodwood and the G1 Prix du Moulin at Longchamp. And then there was the mighty Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom {Fr}).

Rainbow Quest was an obvious target for James Delahooke when he showed up at the Fasig-Tipton July Yearling Sale in 1982. Not only was his dam a half-sister to the Prince's Oaks place-getter Slightly Dangerous, but he was also a beautiful individual. Inevitably he was high on plenty of others' lists too. Delahooke had to go to $950,000 to secure him, the second highest price in the sale. It didn't take long for him to prove himself a bargain.

Rainbow Quest | *Getty Images*

Rainbow Quest joined Jeremy Tree's string at Beckhampton and was a high-class 2-year-old in 1983 who improved to be a Classic-placed Group 2 winner in 1984 before progressing further still in 1985. As a 4-year-old that year he was majestic. He won the G1 Coronation Cup with his head in his chest before being placed in vintage editions of the G1 Eclipse S. and the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth II Diamond S. Finally he ended his career in a blaze of glory at Longchamp, promoted to first place in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on the demotion of Sagace (Luthier {Fr}). Timeform gave him a mighty accolade when he became the first horse since Mill Reef and Brigadier Gerard (GB) in the early '70s to have been awarded a rating of at least 130 at ages two, three and four.

Just as Known Fact had been the foundation stallion at Wargrave, so Rainbow Quest (having retired to Wargrave in 1986) was given the honour of starting the Juddmonte roster at Banstead Manor, near Newmarket, which the Prince bought in 1987. Right from the start he proved himself an outstanding stallion. His first book of mares in 1986 included the 1980 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Aryenne (Green Dancer) whom the Prince had bought at the end of her Classic campaign so that she could visit Known Fact in his first season. That mating failed to yield a superstar but her first visit to Rainbow Quest hit the jackpot because the resultant colt Quest For Fame (GB) carried the Prince's colours to victory in the Derby in 1990. Quest For Fame was merely one of three first-crop 3-year-old Group 1 winners for Rainbow Quest, who was also represented that year by G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Saumerez (GB) and G1 Irish Oaks victrix Knight's Baroness (GB), the latter bred and raced by the Prince's relative Prince Fahd Salman. Rainbow Quest ended the season in fifth place in the General Sires' Table for Great Britain and Ireland, a magnificent achievement for a stallion with only two crops running for him. Thereafter, Rainbow Quest remained one of the most successful stallions in Europe, regularly featuring in the upper strata of the general sires' table and being champion broodmare sire of Great Britain and Ireland in both 2003 and '04, in both years starring as the maternal grandsire of the Derby winner.

Quest For Fame returns after winning the 1990 Derby | *Getty Images*

Rainbow Quest provided Prince Khalid Abdullah with some terrific thrills, but even greater glory lay just around the corner. James Delahooke had bought Dancing Brave (Lyphard) for $200,000 at the Keeneland July Sale in 1984, the stocky colt's parrot mouth seemingly having deterred many potential bidders. As Dancing Brave was a late foal (born in the second week of May) Guy Harwood gave him a deliberately easy campaign as a juvenile in 1985, merely running him in minor conditions races at Sandown and Newmarket, both of which he won easily.

Guineas Weekend Marks Juddmonte Milestone cont.

Harwood trained a Group 1 juvenile winner for Prince Khalid Abdullah year with Bakharoff (The Minstrel) taking the G1 William Hill Futurity at Doncaster and, although Bakharoff (whom Delahooke had bought for $450,000 as a yearling) topped the Free Handicap, those close to the stable made no secret of the fact that they regarded Dancing Brave as superior.

James Delahooke | *Racing Post*

This opinion was fully justified in 1986 when the seed burst into flower. Dancing Brave was imperious in winning six races including the 2000 Guineas, Eclipse S., King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. A controversial and seemingly luckless defeat in the Derby disrupted his winning sequence, but neither that defeat nor his lacklustre performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita on his swansong could prevent him from being hailed as an all-time great. His European curtain call at Longchamp was particularly majestic when, facing one of the strongest fields ever assembled for an Arc, he sprinted past the leaders in the final furlong like a racing car overtaking tractors. Needless to say, he was unanimously voted Horse of the Year.

For anyone other than Prince Khalid Abdullah, Dancing Brave would have been not only Horse of the Year but also Horse of a Lifetime. The Prince had only been owning horses for less than a decade but already had raced a horse who, surely, would be the best he would ever have. No higher praise can be given to the eminence which Juddmonte has now reached than the fact that we can now look back on Dancing Brave's annus mirabilis in 1986 and say that it was only the beginning.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Classics Prioritised In Revised Pattern Programme cont.

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The BHA's Provisional Black-Type Programme

Weekend 1: *May 23-24*
Pavilion (6f 3yo G3)
Nell Gwyn (7f 3yo f G3)
Craven (8f 3yo cg G3)
Greenham (7f 3yo cg G3)
Fred Darling (8f 3yo f G3)
Brigadier Gerard (10f 4+ G3)
Conqueror (8f 4+ Listed)
Pinnacle (12f 4+ f G3)
Sagaro (16f 4+ G3)
Aston Park (12f 4+ G3)
Paradise (8f 4+ Listed)

Weekend 2: *May 30-31*
Lockinge (8f 4+ G1)
Palace House (5½f 3+ G3)
Yorkshire Cup (14f 4+ G2)
Dante (10f 3yo G2)
Musidora (10f 3yo f G3)
Cecil Frail (6f 3+ f Listed)
Spring Trophy (7f 3+ G3)
Middleton (10f 4+ f G2)

A statement released by the BHA to stakeholders on Friday read, "It is possible that the races listed may not be staged at their traditional venues and may need to be hosted at alternative racecourses. Again, this is dependent on wider circumstances, the available fixtures and the public health guidance in place at the time.

"It is also likely that racing will be restricted to domestic (GB-trained) runners only, initially at least until 30 May, in line with a similar approach taken by other international racing jurisdictions. France has confirmed that no foreign runners will be permitted until 1 June; with Germany extending its restriction on foreign runners until at least 31 May (from 22 May)."

On Thursday the Resumption of Racing Group issued an update stating that racecourses have been invited to submit expressions of interest to stage fixtures under plans for the resumption of racing which involve a phased approach

The provisional plan works on the basis that the first Classics of the season, the 2000 Guineas and 1000 Guineas, will be run on the first weekend of June. That same weekend will also include the G1 Coronation Cup, which remains in its traditional time slot despite the fact that the Derby and the Oaks are likely to be run on the first weekend of July. The Derby and Oaks trials, the Pretty Polly S. and Newmarket S., both listed races, will also be held on this weekend along with the G3 Bronte Cup for staying fillies and mares which was run for the first time in 2018 at York.

Classics Prioritised In Revised Pattern Programme cont.

At present, Royal Ascot remains in its scheduled five-day slot which begins on Tuesday, June 16, and will be run behind closed doors.

The list of stakes races which have had to be abandoned for 2020 comprises six Group 2 races including the Temple S., Jockey Club S. and Dahlia S.; nine Group 3s and 37 listed races.

The BHA also issued a note of caution alongside the revised schedule. It stated, "We must emphasise that this provisional plan is based on our best-case scenario and may need to be adjusted according to when and under what circumstances racing is safely able to recommence."

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INDICATIVE LEVY YIELD UP AT £97-MILLION

During a time when racing's finances are under increasing pressure, there was some good news in Britain on Friday from the Levy Board with the prediction that the Levy income for the year which ended Mar. 31, 2020, will be in the region of £97m. That figure, which is up on the previous forecast of £90m to £95m, is derived from provisional submissions to date from the majority of Levy-paying bookmakers. "It is very welcome that Levy yield for the past year looks like being in line with if not just ahead of expectations.

This removes one of the current uncertainties for us in our financial planning," said Levy Board Chairman Paul Darling. "I would like to thank all those bookmakers who have made timely returns to us in the current difficult circumstances and also to those whose voluntary monthly reporting of betting performance during the past year has enabled us to make forecasts with increased confidence and precision."

With the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) currently working with the Racing Resumption Group in order to phase in a revised racing programme once racing can get underway again in Britain, any boost in potential prize-money figures will be welcomed across the industry. Racing was suspended in Britain on March 17 and the country remains in lockdown with no specific date announced by government for the easing of those restrictions. The BHA has therefore been unable to specify a date to restart racing, though it has tentative plans in place for a May 15 resumption. Darling added, "This additional revenue will be built in to our modelling as we now focus on the contribution that the Levy Board can make at the point that racing fixtures resume in line with government requirements and guidance. These discussions are ongoing with the key parties involved.

"We understand the particular importance of Levy Board funding at this time.

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Indicative Levy Yield Up At £97-Million cont.

"We expect to be making a greater than usual contribution to prize-money as and when racing resumes, albeit that we must do so on a financially responsible basis in recognition of the wider uncertainty around our own ongoing future income."

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This filly, out of Spindrift, is from the first crop of European champion 2-year-old and European champion 3-year-old Sprinter U S Navy Flag. The Mar. 18 foal was bred by Thierry Storme and Thierry Lohest | *Coolmore*

WORLDWIDE NEWS

FIEREMENT TRIES TENNO SHO REPEAT

Older horses take center stage at Kyoto Racecourse Sunday in the G1 Tenno Sho, and featured among the entries is last year's winner, **Fierement (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who has been set as the 2-1 early choice to become the fifth horse in the history to win the spring event in consecutive years. Winless since last year's Tenno Sho, he was third in the G2 Sapporo Kinen in August before finishing 12th in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Most recently, he was fourth behind Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the Dec. 22 G1 Arima Kinen.

"He didn't handle the ground in the Arc, but his run in the Arima Kinen was encouraging, given what a tough race it was," explained trainer Takahisa Tezuka. "He's since been at Northern Farm Tenei for a break, and after returning to the stable on [Apr.] 3, he's been moving well and showing that he's in good condition." **You Can Smile (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) has proven his consistency, winning six of 15 starts between 1800m and 3400m and has never finished off-the-board at 3000m or more. Fifth in this race last year, the 5-year-old finished fourth in the Tenno Sho Autumn before rounding out the season with a fifth-place effort in the G1 Japan Cup in November. In his 2020 return, he came from off the pace to win in the Mar. 22 G2 Hanshin Daishoten.

"He ran smoothly in the first half of the race last time, and picked up well between the third and fourth corners, getting a good run on the inside to go on and win," said Yasuo Tomomichi. "He was [over] 12 kg for that race, compared with the Japan Cup, and that seemed to make the difference."

In regards to his charge's progress since his victory, Tomomichi added, "In training Apr. 16, he worked solo on the woodchip course, but he moved well." Regular rider jockey Yasunari Iwata sustained a fall last weekend, and according to Tomomichi, "Things are on hold as to who might take the ride on You Can Smile."

One of two runners trained by Katsuhiko Sumii in this season's Tenno Sho, **Kiseki (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}) won the 2017 renewal of the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), but has been winless since. In 10 starts since that victory, Kiseki has finished better than third in six of those starts, including a third in the G2 Prix Foy at ParisLongchamp in September. Seventh over a rain-softened turf course in the Arc, the 6-year-old was fifth after a poor start in the Arima Kinen before returning this term to finish seventh as the favorite in his latest start in the Hanshin Daishoten.

Assistant trainer Takashi Kotaki commented: "He got off to such a poor start [in the Hanshin Daishoten] that a gate test was necessary with him. That was on [Apr.] 15, and he passed that with no problem, so we've been able to get on with his training since." Yutaka Take, eight-time winner of the spring Tenno Sho, will ride Kiseki for the first time.

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Defending Tenno Sho champion Fierement (Jpn) | *JRA*

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3	Tosen Cambina (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fujioka	Sumii	128
4	Danburite (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Matsuwaka	Otonashi	128
5	Mikki Swallow (Jpn)	Tosen Homareboshi (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Kikuzawa	128
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7	You Can Smile (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Tomomichi	128
8	Kiseki (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Take	Sumii	128
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WIDDEN REDUCES FEES TO ASSIST BREEDERS

Zoustar | *Bronwen Healy*

by Paul Vettise

The 2020 breeding season may present challenges for Widden Stud, as is likely for farms across Australia in the current circumstances, but the Hunter Valley nursery will offer a major point of unique difference.

Widden Stud has the longest of thoroughbred histories in the country, having been established in 1867 by current principal Antony Thompson's forebear John and this year will mark a first occurrence on the farm.

New stallion Zousain will join his decorated father Zoustar on the roster to become the only third generation stallion to reside at Widden, where his paternal grandsire Northern Meteor also served until his premature passing.

Group 2 winner and multiple Group 1 placegetter Zousain will stand his first season at $19,800 (inc GST) alongside a line-up all at reduced fees to mirror the challenging times with Zoustar's service dropping from $154,000 (inc GST) to $121,000 (inc GST).

"In light of the current global situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing financial downturn, we have taken the decision to reduce our fees by an average 20 per cent in a bid to assist breeders through these unprecedented events," Thompson said.

"We've had a terrific response to Zousain and he's a very good-looking horse. I'm sure as we get less restrictions and more people to see him the popularity will continue to grow.

"At this stage, everyone who has seen him is very keen to support him and we've already sold some life-time breeding rights to him.

"There's good commitment from breeders and those that raced him--Qatar and Richard Pegum have booked some nice mares to him already so he'll get wonderful support."

Thompson said Widden had internal discussions about its 2020 service fees and courted outside opinion before confirming reductions.

"We had discussions with the team here and with a few breeders who have a pretty good sense of the market and some of our peers, independent guys and their view of the world.

"Our consensus was a 20 per cent reduction across the board was what we were looking for.

"We've got a lot of mares here on the farm that will visit our stallions and there will be plenty of movement of mares to be served as well. Our expectations are for a fairly normal breeding season.

"We are mindful of doing all we can to support breeders and believe Australia is well placed to go forward as we emerge from this crisis.

"We are the only nation to have been able to continue a widespread racing program that has allowed our major autumn carnivals to proceed and achieved a world first in being able to trade our premium yearlings at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in a virtual online format."

Flagship stallion Zoustar made a major impact at the Inglis Easter Sale when Widden sold a brother to the top-line sprinter Sunlight for $1.1 million.

New to the Widden stallion roster, Zousain | *TDNAusOZ*

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He is currently standing at Tweenhills in England covering another full book and is on track to return to Australia in August as planned.

The four-time Group 1-winning sprinter Trapeze Artist will stand at $77,000 (inc GST) after serving his first season in 2019 at $88,000 (inc GST) while Nicconi, sire of star sprinter Nature Strip has come back from $38,500 (inc GST) last year to $27,500 (inc GST).

Written By stood his first season last year at $24,750 (inc GST) and will drop to $22,000 (inc GST), the same fee set for Star Witness who comes back from $27,500 (inc GST).

Both Stratum Star and Supido will stand at $8800 (inc GST), both back from $9900 (inc GST), while Your Song's fee has dropped from $13,750 (inc GST) also to $8800 (inc GST). Outreach will be offered at $5500 (inc GST) after serving 2019 at $7700 (inc GST).

Trapeze Artist | *Bronwen Healy*

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